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Hello from the Pres...

IT'S 1998!!! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Another year has come and gone and hopefully everyone had more good than bad during 1997. I think 1998 will be a great year for computer users and everyone in the club. Computers are getting less and less expensive and more and more people are getting systems. If the club advertises enough and everyone brings one of their friends that just bought their first computer to the meetings, we should increase our enrollment and expand like never before. I really think that the cheaper machines will help bring in more members. Spread the word (and GCC cards) to everyone you know that has a computer. The club needs as many recruiting agents as we can get. Thanks...

CHRISTMAS 1997 REVISITED

I think everyone that came to the Christmas Party enjoyed one of our best parties yet. The Christmas music played and the food was plentiful. Blimpie catered the sandwiches and the rest of the food that everyone brought was great. I think I gained at least ten pounds over the holidays and I've made my New Year's resolution to lose some weight and exercise more. I hope everyone had Happy Holidays and spent some time with the ones that you love...

FREE STUFF ONLY GETS BETTER

We gave away some good stuff at the Christmas Party and I hit the stores one more time before the Christmas specials were over. I picked up a power center that goes under the monitor and a couple touch pads that are really nice. Make sure you come to the meeting and get in on the good stuff. The 50/50 drawing will have extra prizes at the next couple meetings and hopefully we'll be able to pick up more new stuff when the stores start having specials again. Once again, if anybody wants to help buy items and send in rebates or donate something for the club to raffle, please let me know... (My Thanks to Wally who donated a 3 1/2" disk holder at the last Board Meeting)

NEW MEMBERS / RENEWALS

Keep spreading the word. Our membership is increasing. We should be able to round up a few of the people that just bought machines during the holidays. Let them know we're here to help and I'm sure we'll keep growing.

NEW CD CASES

We discussed buying new CD cases at the Christmas Party and the membership approved the purchase of some new 3-Ring binder style cases. I have three 96 count cases on order and they have removable pages for easy sorting and rearranging. I think that the binders will make it a lot easier to keep track of the CD's and it will make it a lot easier to carry the CD collection to and from the meetings. We'll probably have a lot of extra CD Jewel cases if anyone needs some. We can add them to the 50/50 raffle in packs of ten or we can sell them to individuals. We will also have the big cases that we use now. We'll have to decide what to do with them at the next meeting.

THE FIRST JOKE OF 1998

I haven't had room for any jokes lately and I heard a little rumbling at the Christmas Party that I should try to make room in 1998. Actually the rumbling was my stomach, but it could have been someone talking about the jokes. So here goes the best joke I could come up with in less than five minutes...

Resting atop a large mountain after five hours of climbing, we noticed another group not far behind us. When they settled at a summit nearby, I heard one of them mention how hot it was, then ask his friend if he'd like a cold beer. His friend was astonished. "You carried beer all the way up here?" he said. "No," the first guy replied, rummaging through his friend's backpack, "you did."

See you at the meeting...

Mike

The Club

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Happy Birthday to

Farris Jackson 1/5
Bill Jeffrys 1/24

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets all give a big welcome to new members. Lee Bales and Charles Garner

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. None

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. None.

These members will be dropped as they not renewed their membership. None.

If you have any questions about your membership, see, Larry Briggs at the meeting or call 345-0220

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By Pat Whalen

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I	\$ 0.00
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O	\$ 0.00
M MEMBERSHIP	\$ 15.00
E 50/50.....	\$ 15.00

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E RENT FOR 1998.....	\$ 125.00
X MEETING DRAWING.....	\$ 0.00
P NEWS LETTER.....	\$ 38.18
E POSTAGE.....	\$ 14.04
N ZIP DISKS.....	\$ 0.00
E CD CASES.....	\$ 0.00
S CHRISTMAS PARTY.....	\$ 30.00

DEC. EXPENSES.....\$ 207.22

CURRENT BALANCE.....\$ 583.20
AS OF JAN 1, 1998

*\$41.16 LESS \$15 DUES AND \$15
DISK 3 FOR LARRY BRIGGS

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General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

December 17 1997

By Wallace Maier Secretary

CHRISTMAS PARTY

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.:

Mike entertained a motion to get on with the food before it got cold, It was unanimous and every one indulged in the goodies.

We had our drawing; there were 8 lucky winners:

Wally Maier won first prize, he chose cash.

Pat Whalen,	Keyboard
Carlos Mariles,	Disk box with disks

Lee Bales,	Keyboard
Jim Baille,	Sound card
June Donze,	?
Carma Shatterly,	?
Bertha Koerper,	?

We had 26 members and guests: Mike continued with a informal meeting, so everyone could visit. Dick Koerper donated several books for our library for embers to borrow. He also printed several samples on newsletters, which we can access for our selves.

Are you prepared for the year 2000? Is your computer ready or will it be like many that will think it is 1900 again? Ken Welker brought us the answer. Look for it to be in the library very soon. Lee Baille donated a JUNO disk for the club library.

Bertha Koerper is going to give a demo on Printmaster Gold 4.0.

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[X] Libr: MsDos DOM: Ken Welker (Always present in thought) Editor and Membership: L. Briggs

There was TWO guests who attended the meeting. The guests were Charlie Garner. Lee Bales joined our club tonight. I will be looking forward to see you at the next meeting. GBY

Editors View

by Larry Briggs



I bought myself a Christmas present. I had my computer upgraded with a new motherboard with a Pentium 233MHz CPU, and added more memory up to 48megs, I know, its only money. It sure makes a big difference in how the computer runs. It's so much better.

Having my motherboard changed and because of the difference in the structure of the new Windows release 2. They had to reformat my hard drives to take advantage of the FAT (File Allocation Table) system. None of my programs worked, so I had to reinstall all of my programs. I thought I had backed up Microsoft Publisher, but it did not work as a dll file was missing. That was no big deal until I could not find the Microsoft Publishing disk. Somehow in the move to Atlanta the CD disk got misplaced or lost. I called Microsoft and they would replace the CD for \$20.00 + \$5.00 shipping, They told me that a upgrade is due in about 6 weeks and I could have diskettes instead for free. Now that is what I

consider a company supporting a customer.

Not so with Quarterdeck, a company that sells Procomm Plus 95. This is a Communication program, I could not find these disks either, so I called Quarterdeck to see if I could have them replaced. Even though there is an upgrade available, I was charged \$15.00 plus shipping for the replacement disks. So you see no two software companies are the same.

SCSI and IDE

by Jim Tomlinson

Many of the members of the club have expressed confusion on the differences and likenesses between SCSI and IDE. To this end, I have gathered the facts from the World Wide Web. Among the sites I visited in gathering this information are Novell's www.novell.com and a site called whatis.com. I attempted to quote verbatim the text given there, and as such is the property of the authors from those sites.

SCSI (pronounced "scuzzy") is a standard interface (approved by ANSI) for attaching a variety of peripheral devices to computers. Typically, a SCSI controller comes with or is added to a computer as an adapter card. A SCSI controller can handle up to 7 devices of various types (for example, CD-ROMs, tape backup devices, and scanners). Devices are arranged as a chain from a single interface and input/output for these devices is interleaved by the controller and the operating system. The following varieties of SCSI are currently implemented:

SCSI: Uses an 8-bit bus, and supports data rates of 4 MBps

Fast SCSI: Uses an 8-bit bus, and supports data rates of 10 MBps.

Ultra SCSI: Uses an 8-bit bus, and

supports data rates of 20 MBps.

Fast Wide SCSI: Uses a 16-bit bus and supports data rates of 20 MBps.

Ultra Wide SCSI: Uses a 16-bit bus and supports data rates of 40

MBps. Also called SCSI-3. Enhanced (sometimes "Expanded") IDE is a standard electronic interface between your computer and its mass storage drives. EIDE's enhancements to Integrated Drive Electronics (IDE) make it possible to address a hard disk larger than 528 Mbytes. EIDE also provides faster access to the hard drive, support for Direct Memory Access (DMA), and support for additional drives, including CD-ROM and tape devices through the AT Attachment Packet Interface (ATAPI). When updating your computer with a larger hard drive (or other drives), an EIDE "controller" can be added to your computer in one of its card slots.

The original IDE interface supports data transfer rates of about 3.3 MBps

Enhanced IDE (EIDE), supports data transfer rates of about 12 MBps. Also called ATA-2 or Fast IDE or Fast-ATA

ATA-3: Also known as Ultra ATA, supports data transfer rates of 33 MBps.

Many PCs come with IDE disk systems. Although they are usually cheaper than SCSI based machines, they can be a drag on the whole system performance. IDE systems require the CPU to do most of the work. For example, an IDE command might be "get byte 3 from track 6" and the CPU has to wait for the controller to get this byte. SCSI, on the other hand, is command driven. So a SCSI command might be "get sector 123 and interrupt me when you've got it". In this case, the CPU will be able to do other tasks while the disk system performs the command.

SCSI has yet another unique function that is unmatched by Enhanced IDE, i.e. one can connect disks, printers, scanners, MO disks, stackers, and tape drives to a single SCSI adapter. Using Enhanced IDE

devices different adapters are needed for multiple peripherals. An IDE adapter can connect two devices, one master and one slave. Only one of the two can be busy at one time. Remember the single tasking function of IDE? Two requests to those two drives must be completed sequentially!

The bottom line is if you have an IDE or EIDE controller and have both your hard drive and your CDROM hooked to the same controller, buy another controller! Have the faster controller run your hard drive (if the controller is attached directly to your motherboard and you have a fairly new motherboard, attach the hard drive to it) and the slower one for the CDROM drive. Also take note that newer motherboards often include two EIDE controllers, making this task easier.

A KILGUS INFOGRAM: By Hank Kilgus

VIRUSES, VIRUSES, AND MORE VIRUSES!

New computer viruses are always emerging, but here are the most frequently encountered strains reported by the National Computer Security Association, ranked from the most prevalent to least.

1. **FORM.A** (also known as Form 128). If you hear a sound like a keyboard clicking through your computer's speaker on the 24th of every month, you may have caught this boot-sector virus.
2. **ONE_HALF.3544** (a.k.a. Dis, Free Love). To avoid detection, this multipartite virus changes its appearance each time it replicates. It's basically harmless, but if you don't follow anti-virus software prompts to the letter when reand so on - in its CMOS settings. This Anti-CMOS boot-sectomoving it, you can lose critical system information.
3. **AntiEXE.A** (a.k.a. Newbug, New Bug). This boot-sector virus targets and corrupts .exe files. Press the Ctrl and Break keys at the same time

and it can overwrite portions of your hard drive.

4. **WORD.CONCEPT** (a.k.a. Concept, Prank Macro). This annoying macro virus infects the default Microsoft Word template, then replicates to other Word documents you save. Open a Word document, and you'll see a pop-up dialog box with the number "1." Click on the OK button, and the box disappears - but the virus does not.
 5. **EMPIRE MONKEY.B** (a.k.a. Monkey). When this monkey climbs onto your hard drives boot sector, you may not be able to access some files on floppy disks. Worse, it makes your hard drive inaccessible even when you boot up from a write-protected floppy disk.
 6. **JUNKIE**. This multipartite virus attacks the boot sectors of floppy disks and hard drives, becoming memory-resident and attaching itself to .com files. It may have been written to see how widely it would replicate, because it's not known to cause any real damage.
 7. **RIPPER** (a.k.a. Jack Ripper). This memory-resident boot-sector virus slowly corrupts data on your hard drive and floppy disks.
 8. **AntiCMOS.A** (a.k.a. Lenart, Lanert). Your computer stores its base information - amount of RAM, kind of hard drive r virus erases these settings, thereby rendering your system useless.
 9. **NATAS.4744** (a.k.a. Satan, Sat_Bug.Natas). Beware: If this multipartite virus detects an anti-virus program that's not equipped to handle it, it can reformat your entire hard drive.
 10. **PARITY_BOOT.B** (a.k.a. Generic 1). If you get the message PARITY CHECK when you hit a key - and your system hangs up- you probably have this bug. It resides in memory every time you turn on your computer and infects any floppy disks you use.
- Your best protection is one of the six Win 95 programs that keep digi-

tal bugs from invading your PC and destroying your files. They are: Cheyenne Anti-Virus v.2.0, Dr. Solomon's AntiVirus Toolkit, IBM AntiVirus v.2.5, McAfee VirusScan Deluxe v.2.0.6, Norton AntiVirus v.2.0 for Windows 95, and PC-cillin II.

Zip disk #4 of the Gateway Computer Club

By Jim Tomlinson

GAMES

The Realm - The Realm is an ever-evolving online world of monsters, magic, and medieval society. Discover the future of interactive adventure games, and explore a new world of quests and companionship with thousands of players from across the world. Play as a Warrior, an Elf, a Wizard or a number of other fully customizable characters and battle against hundreds of different beasts who are eager to rip out your heart. Join guilds, and travel with friends out to distant lands in quests filled with mystery, danger, and magic! Sound like fun?

YazPoker

Welcome to Thursday Night Poker v 1.0.0.20 You can create multiple table configurations with the ability to set the betting rules, table rules, starting monies and tender of choice. Play with cash, quarters or chips. Play a single poker game or the dealer's choice. Your computer opponents can bluff and will call your bluffs. Choose from Seven Card Stud, Six Card Stud, Low Chicago, High Chicago, Five Card Stud, Bookends, Five Card Draw, Shotgun, Jacks to Open/Trips to Win, and Jacks or Better. The game features nice graphics, animation, and sound effects. 20 day free trial. Online registration is available.

THEMES

After many requests, here are a

number of desktop themes for Windows95 and NT. Normally you would need Microsoft Plus! to use these, but I've included two great theme loaders. Among the themes included are: The Beatles, The Addams Family, Back to the Future, Blazing Saddles and Star Wars!

Desktop Themes

The Desktop Themes application is a direct replacement for the Desktop Themes control panel provided with the Plus! pack. It offers the same functionality as the Plus! version with a few additional features. Even if you have Plus! you might want to consider switching to using Desktop Themes for the additional features. Version 1.1 of Desktop Themes also allows you to edit the Theme components directly, to easily create new Themes to distribute to others.

FreeTheme

FreeTheme- is a FreeWare Theme loader for Windows95. With this program installed you can load Themes WITHOUT the MS Plus! package. This way you'll be able to enjoy themes even if your employer doesn't think MS Plus! can be a vital part of your workplace.

TOOLS

Bench32 - Bench32 provides a clear and concise view of your system benchmarks. How does your system compare to your friends? Ask Bench32, it knows!

PowerToys

I've had many people ask me about getting this so here you go! If you have Windows95, this is the missing utilities!

SafeHouse

SafeHouse provides transparent "on-the-fly" encryption for your notebook or desktop personal computer. Using

SafeHouse, you can allocate portions of your existing hard drives to be reserved for encrypted data. SafeHouse encrypted volumes appear on your PC as another DOS drive letter. All encryption is performed automatically and transparently on the fly. You can do anything with a SafeHouse virtual drive that you can do with a normal hard drive; only that with SafeHouse, the encrypted volumes require password authentication before the files become accessible.

WEB

AtomTime 1.4a - AtomTime95 is a 32-bit Win95 Internet (Winsock) application which will connect to the Atomic Clock time server in Boulder, CO and fetch the current atomic clock time value. It compares this value to your PC time and displays the difference. You then have the option of updating your PC clock to match the atomic clock value. There is also a command line option to have AtomTime automatically set the clock and exit.

Netscape Communicator 4.02 - The latest release.

BUSINESS MEETING

January 7, 1998.

by Wallace Maier, Secretary
at Western Sizzler.

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7: __ p.m.:

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There were 2 guests attended the meeting. The guests were John Jordan: Who brought a prospective member: Dave Epps; Who plans to join next meeting. [He is going to be available for a future demo for HTML web page] Bertha Kerper Will be giving a demo of PRINT MASTER GOLD.

Mike bought 3 new CD cases 3 ring binder type; Which will hold 96 CDs each. Discussed web page to be made up and placed on rdr.net. In walwld@rdr.net. Wally will email members to remind them the weekend before the meeting. Feb demo ????? Internet privider demo— or build a web page. Possibly a short version email with buy sell trade swap ads.

GCC Directory

Next Meeting

January 21st. 1998 7:00pm

Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:

February 4th..1998 7:00pm

At the Western Sizzlin

O'Fallon Illinois

Next Copy Session:

At all regular meetings.

Visitors Always Welcome

At Meetings.

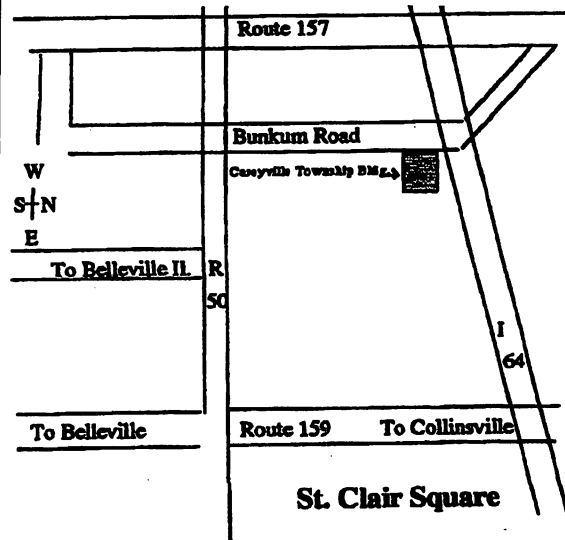
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Check your dues date!

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Volume 15, Issue 2

February, 1998

**Hello from the Pres...
Mike Taphorn.**

FREE STUFF CONTINUES

We'll continue to give away extra prizes at the meetings until the stores quit offering full rebates on their merchandise. I thought they might slow down a little after the Holidays, but just last week I picked up a nice Joy-stick and 3 Pack of CD Organizer pages that had full rebates. Right now I have enough stuff to last for the next three or four months. We'll have a touch pad that has a computerized signature feature at the next meeting as well as a good joystick and a few more items depending on what become available at the stores.

NEW WEB SITE

Jared Burke volunteered to help the club put up a Web Page at the January meeting. We didn't give him very many ideas or a lot of content to work with, but he did manage to put up a nice WEB page for the club. The URL is <http://gcc-net.home.ml.org>. Please remember that this is a work in progress and if anyone has any ideas or HTML code that they can spare, please send them to Jared via the web site. Because the web site is a reflection of it's users, please help Jared by sending him anything you think would add to the site. Many THANKS to Jared for putting up the site. If you would like to set up a GCC site, send a link to Jared and I'm sure he'll add you to his links page.

THANKS FOR ATTENDING

We had thirty people at the last meeting and we seem to be growing rather nicely. Thanks for coming to the meetings. I hope next year I'm writing about our attendance and I'm using a lot bigger numbers. Keep spreading the word....

NEW CD CASES

The new cases seemed to work out fine at the last meeting. I know they were a lot easier to transport to and from the meeting. They were also a lot lighter than the old ones. If anybody has a program or game that they are no longer using, please donate the CD's to the club. If you would like to just loan the CD to the club, we can do that too. Just put your name on the top of the CD with a permanent marker and let me know that it is only a loan. When I put the CD on the CD list, I will list your name as the owner and if you ever need it back, it's yours. Thanks in advance for your donations / loans.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Unfortunately our last demonstration on Printmaster Gold had to be postponed until the February meeting due to the fact that only half of our overhead projector made it to the meeting. I apologize if anyone was upset about our lack of a demonstration at the last meeting. I will get the overhead (both pieces) this month and the show will go on. Bertha Koerper was kind enough to offer to do her demonstration a month late and I'm

sure it will be even better because she had an extra month to polish her speech. I hope that the members are enjoying the meetings and finding our demonstrations interesting and educational. It's a lot more fun to come to the meetings when we have a large group in attendance and they are interested in the demonstration. Let us know if you have an idea for a demonstration or if you are available to give a demonstration.

THE SECOND JOKE OF 1998

An elderly couple pull into a filling station and the attendant comes out and says, "Shall I fill 'er up?"
Husband: Yes, please.
Wife (In a screeching voice): What did he say? Husband: He said, "Shall I fill 'er up."
The attendant: Shall I check the oil?
Wife (still screeching): "What did he say?"
Husband (quietly): He said, "Shall I check the oil?"
Attendant: Where are you folks from?
Husband: We're from the little town about 100 miles down the road.
Attendant: I grew up in that town, the most miserable girl I've ever known lives there.
Wife (in same tone): What did he say?
Husband: He said he thinks he knows you...

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By Pat Whalen

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O REBATE PREMIUM...\$ 10.00
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 45.00
E 50/50.....\$ 16.00

JAN. INCOME.....\$ 122.00

E RENT FOR 1998.....\$ 0.00
X PREM. DRAWING.....\$ 0.00
P NEWS ETTER.....\$ 25.38
E POSTAGE.....\$ 19.20
N ZIP DISKS.....\$ 0.00
S CD CASES.....\$ 83.02
E CHECKS.....\$ 39.50
S.....\$ 0.00

JAN. EXPENSES.....\$ 167.10

CURRENT BALANCE....\$ 538.10
AS OF FEB 1, 1998

General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

Jan 21, 1998

by Wallace Maier Secretary

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[x] Libr: Ms_Dos DOM: Ken Welker
(Always present in thought) Editor and Membership: L. Briggs

There was 3 guests attended the meeting. The guests were Kathleen Jethro ; We welcome you as a new member: Other guests, Thelma Currat; and Bill Delaney. These two want to know about computers before they buy. I admire them for looking in to what they want before they buy.

We had a good turnout 30 in attendance counting guests.

There were no objections to the financial report and minutes as printed in the Jan., 1998 edition of the Bits and Chips.

The first order of business: Mike Taphorn opened the meeting; He talked about the new Spark Drive which will give IOMEGA a run for the money, It costs about \$200.00 with 1 disk; But it will hold 1 GIG per disk and the disks are available 3 for \$99.00. If you can find a dealer with the stock.

He showed the new CD storage cases for the library. Inge Liggett donated some programs for the library, Clean Sweep, and First Aid was among them.

We announced the plan for a web page J.Burke was asked to volunteer to make a web page to get started.

We want to get a BUY/ SELL and SWAP column going if you have any thing to advertise send email to Wally at <walwld@rdr.net> and it will be included in the club news letter. Does any body have anything to sell??? (Tony)

Black ink jet printer: Super VGA monitor: Visual C+:

The winners 50/50 and drawings:

Jim Tomlinson	Cash
Jeneatte Walsh	Power center
Kathryn Jethro	Memo reminder
J, Burke	Disk rack
John	Zip disk holder
Henry Kilgus	Disk box
Everett Truttmann	CD holder

Any one can donate items for the drawing; This makes it interesting and helps the club.

[Open Discussion]

ATTENTION COMPAQ OWNERS:

If you are loading software turn off screen savers .also there is a problem with running more than one virus checker. Also the sleep mode can cause problems. Be sure to save any data before leaving your lap top if it goes to sleep mode it might lock up and then you could loose a lot of information.

[NEW BUSINESS]

John Jordan will be showing how to format the larger hard drives using the (fat 32)

[DEMO] Print Master Gold 4.0

The demo was postponed because only half of the projection equipment was delivered. Bertha was set up but with only a laptop to demo, she agreed to set it up for Feb. Meeting.

Amiga For Sale

Amiga 2000 with kick start 37.175
250 Meg. Hard Drive
SyQuest 44 Meg removable HD With 7 disks.
9 meg Memory
NEC/Multisync 3D Monitor. "NO FLICKER"
14400 Modem.
Video accelerator card 27 MHz. clock speed.
very fast.
Tons of software/manuals.
Lots of other stuff, too much to mention.
Computer is in perfect condition, everything works...
Must see to appreciate.
Asking \$550.00 + Shipping.
Also, I have an Amiga 1084S Monitor for sale. \$90.00 + Shipping.
E-Mail Larry Briggs at lbriggs1@aol.com
or call, 404-352-3088.

Editor's View

By Larry briggs

Here we go again, I am having a difficult time in maintaining an accurate membership list, some members are changing their internet providers faster than I can enter them in my membership list. I will ask now, that any time a member has a change in their membership profile, that they send me the changes by e-mail, lbriggs1@aol.com. That way I can get the changes from the horse's mouth, not in a round about way that has a chance for errors.

Our club has increased its membership in the last year or so. This increase is due in part to the efforts of Hank Kilgus our past secretary, for advertising in the local news print the location of our club. Let's give a big thanks to Hank for his contribution to the Gateway Computer Club.

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STOP STARTING ALREADY!

Can't figure out how to get a program to stop loading every time you start Windows 95? (Software developers have a whole lotta nerve to assume this is a convenience. They should ask first.) There are three places where you can try to stop this annoyance:

* The Startup folder. This is the most obvious location for a program reference. Right-mouse click on Start, select Open, double-click on Programs, then double-click on Startup. If you see a shortcut to the annoying program inside, delete it.

* Your WIN.INI file. Select Start, Run, type sysedit and click on OK.

Inside the System Configuration Editor, make the WIN.INI window active and look for a "run=" or "load=" line under the [windows] section. Programs referred to on these lines load at startup.

If you feel comfortable doing so, remove the reference to the annoying program, and save your change. (If not, have your local computer guru help you. WIN.INI is a very important file and should not be messed with unless you know what you're doing.)

* The Registry. Select Start, Run, type regedit and click on OK to open the Registry Editor. Navigate your way to
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFT

TWARE\Microsoft\Windows\Current Version\RUN.

In the right pane, you'll find programs that load when Windows 95 starts. Right-mouse click on the one giving you grief, select Delete, and close the Registry Editor. (As always, before editing the Registry, back it up. One way is to zip your System.dat and User.dat files and store them on a floppy disk.)

Whichever method you used, restart Windows 95 and (in most cases) breathe a deep sigh of satisfaction!

A special thanks to D. Villasana for suggesting this tip!

The Gateway Computer Show, Amiga98

Press Release

The Gateway Computer Show-Amiga98 is proud to announce our guest speakers for the Saturday evening banquet at this major Amiga Computer Event.

Mr. Jim Singler, a noted computer spokesperson on KTRS radio of St.Louis will M.C. the banquet.

Mr. Petro Tyschtschenko, Managing Director of Amiga International, Inc., wholly owned by Gateway 2000, will fly in from Germany to speak on the Marketing of Amiga Computers.

Mr. James Love, Director of CPT, Consumer Project on Technology, a part of Ralph Nader's office in Washington D.C., will fly in to speak on Antitrust issues in the Computer and Software Industry.

Mr. Jeff Schinder, General Manager of Amiga, Inc., wholly owned by Gateway 2000. Will fly in from North Sioux City, SD, to talk about the future Direction and Development of the Amiga Computer.
This is certainly an exciting lineup of guest speakers. Certain to wet the appetites of many a computer enthusiast.

Tickets for the March 14 Banquet are \$30.00 and must be ordered in advance.

Tickets for the three days of classes, March 13-15 and the two days of floor exhibits, March 14-15, may be ordered advance from

Amiga-St.Louis
P.O. Box 672
Bridgeton, Mo 63044

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Zip disk #4 of the Gateway Computer Club

By Jim Tomlinson

GAMES

The Realm

The Realm is an ever-evolving online world of monsters, magic, and medieval society. Discover the future of interactive adventure games, and explore a new world of quests and companionship with thousands of players from across the world. Play as a Warrior, an Elf, a Wizard or a number of other fully customizable characters and battle against hundreds of different beasts who are eager to rip out your heart. Join guilds, and travel with friends out to distant lands in quests filled with mystery, danger, and magic! Sound like fun?

YazPoker - Welcome to Thursday Night Poker v 1.0.0.20

You can create multiple table configurations with the ability to set the betting rules, table rules, starting monies and tender of choice. Play with cash, quarters or chips. Play a single poker game or the dealer's choice. Your computer opponents can bluff and will call your bluffs. Choose from Seven Card Stud, Six Card Stud, Low Chicago, High Chicago, Five Card Stud, Bookends, Five Card Draw, Shotgun, Jacks to Open/Trips to Win, and Jacks or Better. The game features nice graphics, animation, and sound effects. 20 day free trial. Online registration is available.

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Netscape Communicator 4.02 - The latest release.

GCC Directory

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February 18th, 1998 7:00pm

Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:

March 4th 1998 7:00 pm
at the Western Sizzlin
O'Fallon Illinois.

Next Copy Session:

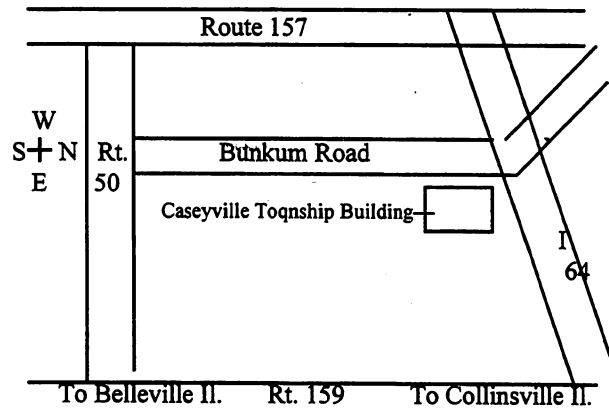
At all regular meetings

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Wednesday of every month at the
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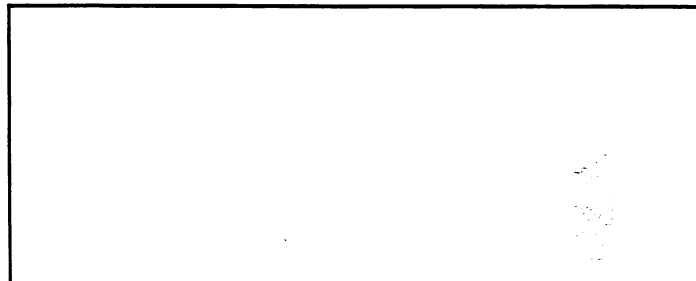
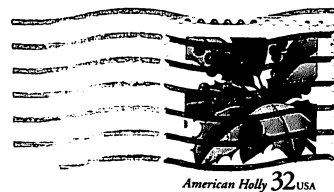
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President's Page

By Mike Taphorn

Hello from the Pres...

FREE STUFF UPDATE

This month we'll have a nice Bogy Man joystick, a Windows 95 keyboard, a mouse and a surge protector. As usual, the first winner will get his/her choice of the prizes or half of the money that is collected for the drawing. Keep your eyes open for good prizes and let me know if you can help with the purchasing of the 50/50 prizes. Office Max had a nice set of rebates that let me send in multiple rebates with the same form. Watch the advertisements and let me know if you see anything good.

NEW WEB SITE INFO NEEDED

Jared Burke our Webmaster has requested that we send any club related information we can round up to him as soon as possible. I contacted Larry Briggs and he volunteered to send the newsletters to us so we can give them to Jared and let him add information to the Web Page. Once again the URL is <http://gcc-net.home.ml.org>. Please help Jared by sending him anything you think would add to the site. Jared has a lot of good ideas and I think he is doing a great job. Let him know what you think...

THANKS AGAIN FOR ATTENDING

We added a couple new members

last month and I heard that a few more new people are scheduled to come to the March meeting. Let your friends know that we're here and I'm sure our growth will continue. Let me know if you know somebody that is interested and we'll send them a newsletter to remind them about the meeting dates. Please keep spreading the word.... It's working....

WE'VE GOT SOME NEW CD's

While searching for good stuff to buy for the 50/50 drawing, I ran into a couple of nice programs that had full rebates. Recently the stores have been putting rebates on some of the better packages. I got the new Encarta 98 CD's with almost a full rebate and I also bought Cleansweep 3.0, the package that will help you clean up your files and harddisk space. Look for them at our next meeting in the CD-ROM cases. I also heard that Pat Whalen our treasurer purchased a program with a full rebate and that he is going to donate the program to the clubs collection. One more thing, I would also like to thank Jim Tomlinson, our Vice President, for his donations to the club's CD library. He donated a couple CD-GAMES magazine CD's, a Launch Magazine CD, a Powerboat Racing Demo CD, a Pax Imperia Eminent Domain CD and a couple new online service CD's. Thank you Jim...

LOCAL INTERNET DEMONSTRATION

After the CD-ROM drive started cooperating, last month's demo on

Printmaster Gold went very well. Many thanks to Bertha Koerper for giving the demo. She did a great job...

This month, we're going to have a guest speaker from a local Internet Provider. Wally Maier set up the demo with his local internet provider and then promptly switched services. Actually he had to switch services because the service area of his service changed and he was forced to move. The good news is that his former Internet Provider has agreed to do a demo for us even though Wally had to switch services. I may switch services after AOL raises it's rates, maybe my new service will come to me instead of me looking for it. Don't miss it....

THE THIRD JOKE OF 1998

An older gentleman goes into a barbershop and the barber asks him how he wants his hair cut. The old man says, "I want the left side cut short, with a bare patch above my left ear, and the right side longer so it covers my right ear. Oh, I'd also like my left sideburn above my left ear and my right sideburn below my right ear." The barber gives the old man a funny look and says, "I don't think I can do that." The old man replies, "Why not? That's how you cut it the last time I was here?"

See you at the meeting,
Mike

The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not-for profit organization of like minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and monthly Bits & Chips newsletter.

Direct all membership applications and questions to the gateway Computer Club % Mike Taphorn 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville, Illinois a 62234

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C. Library. Reproduction of copyrighted software is not promoted nor condoned by the G.C.C. And will not be tolerated at club functions

Bits & Chips

Please direct all submissions and advertising to editor, Larry Briggs 2122 McKinley Rd. NW Atlanta, Georgia 30318. Camera ready advertising must be received by the first of the month to be included in the issue of the month.

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Happy Birthday To

**Darlene Farrer
Odie Farriss III
Gerald Lewallon**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

Membership Report

By Larry Briggs & Inge Liggett

Let's all give a big welcome to new members. **Thelma Currat, Bill Deleney and Ken Nocht.**

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. **Bill Jeffreys, Henry Kilgus.**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. **Norman Collins, John Hubbard and John Jordan.**

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. **None**

If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the

Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen

BALANCE FEB 1, 1998..\$ 538.10

I	\$ 0.00
N D.O.M. ZIP DISKS.....	\$ 45.00
C	\$ 0.00
O REBATES.....	\$ 43.98
M MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 75.00
E 50/50.....	\$ 20.00

FEB. INCOME.....\$ 183.98

E	\$ 0.00
X MEETING DRAWING..	\$ 45.00
P NEWS LETTER.....	\$ 24.13
E POSTAGE.....	\$ 14.73
N ZIP DISKS.....	\$ 0.00
E CD CASES.....	\$ 0.00
S CHECKS.....	\$ 0.00

JAN. EXPENSES.....\$ 83.86

CURRENT BALANCE..\$ 638.22
AS OF MAR 1, 1998

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A special thanks to B. Cook for suggesting this tip!

For sale. Printmaster Gold Ver.3. It is on a CD Rom Disk. \$25.00. Call Inge Liggett at 618-344-0839

General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

FEBRUARY 18 1998
by Wallace Maier Secretary

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.:

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OFFICERS roll call:

[X] President: Mike Taphorn  
[X] Vice President: Jim Tomlinson  
[X] Secretary: Wallace Maier  
[X] Treasurer: Joseph (Pat) Wahlen  
[X] Assistant Membership: Inge Liggett  
[X] Libr: MS-DOS DOM: Ken Welker  
Editor and Membership: Larry Briggs

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There was 31 attended the meeting.

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There were no objections to the minutes or financial report as printed in the February edition of the Bits and Chips.

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As a reminder: Larry wants a data sheet updated for each member so he can keep his records accurate.

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The first order of business \_\_\_ Jaret Burke has the website up and running <<http://gcc-net.home.ml.org>> We will probably have a password protected section for the members to access and a home page for public viewing.

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HP has a freebee if you buy a print cartridge you can send for a printer accessory kit which has several sample sheets and CD's with graphics.

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Ken has Disk #4 ready

Do you ICQ ??? Try it! It reminds me of the first time we hooked two computers together and talked back and forth. But now you have speed and the web and so many options you just have to try it.

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[DEMO] Bertha Kerper Was running late but when she arrived we was set up and she gave a good demonstration of PRINT SHOP GOLD.

One thing for sure you won't be bored for lack of something to do it has so many avenues for your imagination.

The Drawings were held:
John Nochta First prize
Bill Delaney Joystick
Jenette Walsh Mouse
Hank Kilgus Mouse pad
Charles Garner Touch pad
"TEE" Thelma Currat CD disk case

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If you have any thing to put in the want adds send it to Wally Maier

<[walwld@htc.net](mailto:walwld@htc.net)>  
Jared Burke <[jared@teencity.org](mailto:jared@teencity.org)>  
See you next month

## BUSINESS Meeting of GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

March 4, 1998 by  
Wallace Maier, Secretary  
The meeting was At Ryans:at  
6:p.m.

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OFFICERS present:

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The Demo will be provided through the courtesy of RDR.NET from Columbia,IL.; We will have a demo on surfing on the net; and other services.

There wasn't any signatures for refreshment volunteers; Bertha Kerper will bring something. We will have more nice drawings for our 50/50.

Demo's coming up ; Scheduler ; etc.  
(what do you want to see?)

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URL's to try

dogpile.com -----
-- progressive browser
<http://199.240.146.136/index.html> -----
-- THE PROPHECY CLUB
<http://www.bluecrab.org/members/stumpy/>-----good webpage
<http://wehrenberg.com/index.html>-
-----Wehrenberg movie directory
<http://www.pe.net/mcj/archives.htm>-- news <http://gcc-net.home.ml.org>-**OUR WEB PAGE**
<http://www.apci.net/~tonyb/gcc/main.html>

Thanks to Jared we are on the Web

Editor's View

By Larry briggs

In a previous article I wrote that I was using **ViaVoice** by IBM to write my article. It is a fact that the more I use this program the fewer mistakes it makes. I find that it is quite fast, almost as fast as I can dictate and it sure know how to spell. This program is easy to set up and it attaches itself to Microsoft's Word, and is ready to use as soon as you've loaded Microsoft word. I am not sure if it will work in another word processor.

Last month I wrote that I wanted all members to e-mail me any changes to their profile. However I talked to Inge Liggett, who is my membership assistant, and she has agreed to maintain the membership list. Inge has been a big help to me, but this job needs someone local, she can see members at the meetings and can make local phone calls for those members that do not attend. I know she will do a good job so please cooperate with her.

Virus

CNN REPORTS A NEW VIRUS HAS BEEN RECENTLY DISCOVERED. ONE PERSON CAN PASS IT ON TO MILLIONS AS IT IS VERY CONTAGIOUS.

THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL HAS REPORTED THIS WEEK THAT THE VIRUS SPREADS VERY RAPIDLY FROM ONE PERSON TO THE NEXT.THEY HAVE PUT A VERY INTERESTING NAME ON THIS VIRUS. IT IS CALLED.....

A SMILE

OH OH! TOO LATE!!
I SEE IT ON YOUR FACE ALREADY!

You've got the virus!!!!
Pass it on!
Hurry...do it now!

AN INFOGRAM, by Hank Kilgus:

FEBRUARY **BEST SELLERS** **SOFTWARE FOR MULTIMEDIA**

PERSONAL PRODUCTIVITY:

MANUFACTURER:

- | | | |
|----------|--|------------|
| | 1: Quicken Deluxe 98 | Intuit |
| | 2: The Print Shop Premier Edition..... | Borderbund |
| Software | | |
| | 3: The Print Shop Publishing Suite..... | Borderbund |
| Software | | |
| | 4: Print Master Gold Deluxe..... | Mindscape |
| | 5: The Print Shop Signature Greetings..... | Borderbund |
| Software | | |
| | 6: Money 98..... | Microsoft |
| | 7: Print Artist 4.0 Oplatinum..... | Sierra On- |
| Line | | |
| | 8: Quicken Basic 98..... | Intuit |
| | 9: Publisher..... | Microsoft |
| | 10: 3D Home Architect Deluxe..... | Borderbund |
| Software | | |

GAMES:

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1: Flight Simulator..... | Microsoft |
| | 2: Riven: The Sequel to Myst..... | Borderbund |
| Software | | |
| | 3: Jedi Knight: Dark Forces II..... | Lucas Arts |
| Entertainment | | |
| | 4: Myst..... | Borderbund |
| Software | | |
| | 5: LEGO Island..... | Mindscape |
| | 6: Command and Conquer: Red Alert the | |
| | Aftermath..... | Virgin Inter- |
| active | | |
| | 7: Age of Empires..... | Microsoft |
| | 8: Deer Hunter..... | Wizzard |
| Works | | |
| | 9: Ultima Online..... | Electronic Arts |
| | 10: NHL 98..... | Electronic Arts |

Source: PC Data

Gosh, wonder what happened to the tax programs??

Today's tip...

SPLIT THE DEFRAG

If you're defragmenting your drive, keep in mind that you don't have to tackle the whole job at once. The Disk Defragmenter breaks the operation into two parts--defragmenting files and consolidating space. If you need to get back to work as quickly as possible, you might try just defragmenting now, to gain performance improvement, then coming back to the consolidation part later, when you have more time.

Select Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Defragmenter to open Windows 95's defragging utility. Select the drive you want to defragment, click OK, and in the resulting dialog box--the one telling you the percentage of your drive that's fragmented--click the Advanced button. Under Defragmentation, select Defragment Files Only (and select one of the options at the bottom of the dialog box, to indicate if this is a one-time-only or an all-the-time thing) and click OK. Click Start, and you're off!

(Note: You'll definitely want to come back to the consolidation part later. Otherwise, future files are more likely to become fragmented. For more information on each of the defragmenting options, right-mouse click it and select What's This?)

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Netscape Communicator 4.02 - The latest release.

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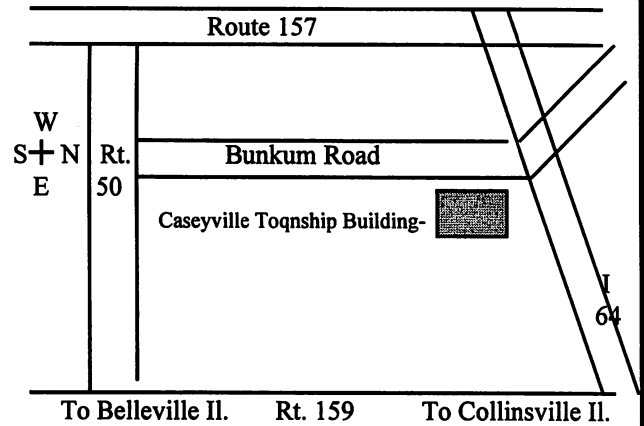
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Of The Gateway Computer Club

Volume 15, Issue 4

April 1998

President's Page

By Mike Taphorn
Hello from the Pres...

APRIL FREE STUFF UPDATE

This month we'll have an 11-Piece Computer Tool Kit, a PC Raider joystick, a printer stand and a CD wallet. Pat Whalen our treasurer told me at the board meeting that he picked up a few items at Office Max and he is going to send in the rebates and donate the items for the 50/50 drawings of the future. Many thanks to Pat and everyone else who has purchased items for the club drawings. Please keep watching the advertisements and either buy the items or let me know if you see anything good. My phone number is listed in the Officer's Phone List.

NEW WEB SITE INFO NEEDED

Jared Burke our Webmaster has requested that we continue to send any club related information we can round up to him via the web site. The URL is <http://gcc-net.home.ml.org>. Thanks for your help...

THANKS AGAIN & AGAIN

We continued our growth at the last meeting by adding a few new members to our growing membership list. If you know somebody that is interested, invite them to the next meeting and let them see what we're all about. I would like to thank Hank Kilgus our former secretary and Wally Maier our current secretary for the increased and continued media

coverage of the club. I think our newspaper advertisements and the addition of 50/50 door prizes have combined to form a great way to get people to the meetings and keep them coming back for more. I'd also like to thank everyone else who has recommended the club to their friends and invited guests to the meetings. THANKS!

WE HAVE MORE NEW CD's

Pat Whalen purchased the Collier's Multimedia Encyclopedia program and donated it to the clubs collection. Jim Tomlinson, our Vice President, continued his generous giving and donated, three new CD's to the club's CD library. Please keep the club in mind if you have any CD's that you aren't using or if you've beaten a game and your not planning on using it anymore. Other club members just might enjoy trying out your old CD's...

COMPUTER BUILDING DEMONSTRATION

Last month's demo was canceled after the presenter failed to arrive at the meeting. I'm not going to say their name here because I don't know why they missed the meeting.

This month, we're going to have a guest speaker named Randy Willmore from American Leading Technology. He is going to demonstrate how to build a Pentium II 233/266 system. The last computer demo we had took longer than expected to complete, so we'll be sure to have a short business meeting before the demo begins to

allow more than enough time for Randy to build the computer. It sounds like the perfect meeting, a short business meeting and a great demonstration. Don't miss it!

MY BEDTIME PRAYERS...

Lord help me not be a perfectionist.
(Did I spell that correctly?)

God, help me to keep my mind on one
th -- Look, a bird -- ing at a time.

Lord help me to relax about insignificant details beginning tomorrow at
7:41:23 am, e.s.t.

God, help me to not try to RUN everything. But, if You need some help,
please feel free to ASK me!

God give me patience,
and I mean right NOW!

God, help me to finish everything I
sta

Lord keep me open to others' ideas, WRONG though they may be.

Lord, help me slow down and no-trust through what I do.

AMEN

See you at the meeting,
Mike

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Happy Birthday To

Tony Burke 4/3
Richard Collins 4/13
Norman Collins 4/3
Harrie Jones Jr. 4/26
John Price 4/23
Joseph Whalen 4/16

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

Membership Report

By Larry Briggs & Inge Liggett

Let's all give a big welcome to new members. None

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. **John Jordan, John Hubbard and Norman Collins.**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. **Harri Jones Jr., Inge liggett and JC Spelce Jr.**

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. None

If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the meeting or call 618-344-0839.

Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen

BALANCE MAR 1, 1998 \$ 638.22

I	\$ 0.00
N D.O.M. ZIP DISKS.....	\$ 42.00
C	\$ 0.00
O REBATES.....	\$ 0.00
M MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 90.00
E 50/50.....	\$ 17.00

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X PREMIUMS FOR MEETING	
DRAWING.....	\$ 0.00
P NEWS LETTER.....	\$ 41.10
E POSTAGE.....	\$ 0.00
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And now for today's tip...

WRITE YOUR OWN BIOS

Want a printout of your system's BIOS setup? The following Technique works on most systems:

Boot your system normally. Select Start, Shut Down, choose the Restart option, and click on Yes. During the second boot, press the key indicated (on-screen) to enter Setup mode--probably F1, F2, or Delete. At the first Setup screen, press your keyboards PrintScreen key. (Whereas in Windows 95, the PrintScreen key sends the screen contents to the Clipboard; here they go straight to the printer.) If necessary, press your printer's page feed button to complete the printing of the first page. Go to the next Setup screen, press PrintScreen, and so on.

A special thanks to L.H. for suggesting this tip!

General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

MARCH 18, 1998

by Wallace Maier Secretary

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.:

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OFFICERS roll call:

[X] President: Mike Taphorn  
[X] Vice President: Jim Tomlinson  
[X] Secretary: Wallace Maier  
[X] Treasurer: Joseph (Pat) Whalen  
[X] Membership: Inge Liggett  
[X] Libr: MsDos DOM: Ken Welker

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There was 30 people attending the meeting.

We had two renewals: Paula Smith & Norman Collins (thanks)

We had 4 new members sign up: Scott Rayho, Billy DeRossett, Martin Bertulis, & Jasper Spears

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We were all set up for the demo by RDR an Internet provider that was to demo surfing the internet and other services; But they didn't make it. Sorry folks sometimes plans just don't work out.

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There were no objections to the financial report as printed in the Bits and Chips.

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We have new additions to the library: Colliers Encyclopedia, Encarta, Clean Sweep, & a printer CD.

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Drawing Winners: Serge Master.... Billy Derosssett, Keyboard....Earl Salmons, Joy Stick....Jeanette Walsh, Mouse....Lester Germann, & Calculator....Carlos.

(Jeanette you are going to have to get that computer so you can use your prize)

(Carlos needs the calculator to keep track of his pen collection)

(Earl is going to relieve his old keyboard; It was a old friend that really

took a pounding)

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Odie Farriss will bring the snacks for the April 15th meeting

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Since we didn't have our demo, we had a long forum and talked about our computer problems, and how to solve them.

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{Dick and Bertha Koerper were in a automobile accident; Bertha suffered a broken leg } I pray that you have a speedy recovery

## BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB.

April 1, 1998

by Wallace Maier Secretary

We met at Ryans steak House 6:00 PM.  
OFFICERS present:

[x] President: Mike Taphorn  
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NEXT MEETING APRIL 15

[DEMO]\_\_ We are looking forward to the presentation by Randy Willmore of American Leading Technology Troy, IL.

TO MAKE DIALER REMEMBER PASSWORD.

GO TO CONTROL PANEL

CLICK ON NETWORK.

ADD CLIENT FOR MICROSOFT NETWORK.

(MY WINDOW SHOWS)

CLIENT FOR MICROSOFT NETWORK  
DIAL UP ADAPTER.

TCP/IP.

BACK UP EXEC.WINDOW.

SMALL WINDOW.

CLIENT FOR MICROSOFT NETWORK  
CLICK IDENTIFICATION TAB.

[FILL THE THREE BOXES}

(FILL IN A NAME)

( NET )

( ???686??? )

GO TO DIALER AND THE BOX

SHOULD BE CHECKED TO REMEMBER THE PASSWORD.

NOW ADD THE PASSWORD AND REBOOT.

## Editor's View

By Larry briggs

In checking back through the membership lists, I found that in April 1997 the club had 33 members. We now, one year later, have 46 members and growing. We must be doing something right.

For one, bringing in people from the computer industry to conduct demonstrations is part of the success and holding question and answer sessions is what the members have told me they want to see more of in the future. This is needed to hold the member interest and draw in more members.

We now have 4 Zip disks of the month in the club's library, (We should not call them D.O.M's any more as they are more quarterly). I have been publishing the #4 Zip disk, and now Zip disk #5 is ready. Next month I will publish #1 through #5 for the new members information.

Time is getting short, only about 60 days before my move to Bonham Texas, I find that there is no phone number for AOL in Bonhan Texas, so will have to find another provider if I am going to continue to publish the GCC Newsletter. The board may have to find a substitute for me in the interim. I'm sure someone will step up to the plate to hit for me, who knows, he/she may want to keep the job. I will not object.

I still have a Amiga 2000 for sale and will go to the highest bidder. It has 2 floppies 350 meg hard drive a SyQuest removable w/6 44meg disks a NEC MultiSync Monitor, (no flicker) and many extras. Call 404-352-3088 or e-mail me at lbriggs1@aol.com

## Unclutter your Hard disk:

Get rid of those temp files. As for temporary files most of them are removed when you shut down the system, or when you quit applications. But nether the less they always seem to gather-for instance if the machine crashes or through other anomalous events. It helps to remove them manually every once in a while using the following process.

1. Open **My Computer** and select your hard drive, usually C: and open it.
2. In your windows directory browse to the Temp subdirectory, the default location for temporary files.
3. Click **List** in the view menu and click **details**.
4. In the **arrange Icons** menu click **By Date**.
5. Select all the files and folders with dates earlier than today ( they are no longer being used ) and put them in the recycle bin. You may find some .exe. files among them, and it is generally ok to delete these-often they are just left over from installation programs. If you feel uncomfortable deleting them it is ok to leave them.
6. Empty your recycle bin. Keep in mind that using windows explorer to randomly excise data or erase entire directories is the wrong way to approach spring disk cleaning. Even if you see unknown files scattered throughout your hard disk, it's better to leave them alone than to delete something and discover you need it later.

## And now for today's tip...

### *THAT DARN PASSWORD THING AGAIN!*

If you install Internet Explorer 4.0, quite a few features of the Windows 95 user interface change. Many of you have already taken the upgrade plunge, so starting this month, we'll publish an occasional tip for IE 4 users. Those of you who haven't upgraded may find the information useful, as well, in helping with an upgrade decision. So without further ado, here's the very first Windows 95 tip for IE 4 users.

A reader, J. Teagle, asks:

"My system always remembered my password for connecting to the Internet until I installed IE 4. Can I get the system to remember it, like it did before?"

Funny, the same thing happened to us! We solved the problem--and expect that you can as well--by repeating the steps to install the Windows 95 Password List Update (even if you've already done it once). Here's a quick review:

Download mspwlpd.exe from

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows95/info/passwd.htm>

Microsoft's Web site gives the file's name as mspwlpd2.exe, but the file you download has no 2 in its name.) Delete all the \*.PWL files from your Windows folder. Double-click on mspwlpd.exe to install the necessary files. Log on to the Internet as you normally would, entering your password and selecting the Remember Password option.

Windows should remember your password from now on.

## Zip Disk # 5 of the Gateway Computer Club

By Jim Tomlinson.

Although it has been difficult at times, I have continued to produce a new IOMEGA Zip disk filled with neat stuff about every three to four months. I haven't done this completely alone and would like to thank Gerald Lewallen for his help in providing new shareware for us to enjoy. In spite of this, without YOUR help, this cannot continue for much longer! I need your input on what you want to see on this disk! Do you want more games? More Utilities? More internet Web stuff? No matter what it is, I need your input!! If there is a certain program that you have seen on the Web that is too big for you to wait, tell me and I'll download it!

### *Communications*

**Autodial** – Allows your modem to automatically dial a number.

**ZOC - ZOC** is a all around multipurpose communication program that can be used to access BBSs through modem or ISDN, telnet hosts in the LAN or Internet and special character based services via named pipe.

### *Games*

**Baldies** – Welcome to the amazing worlds of Baldies, where our folcily challenged little friends engage in hilarious acts of war. With a skilled team of workers, builders, soldiers and scientists the Baldies scatter the land with their towns, forests, laboratories and barracks, not to mention mine fields and cannons. Unfortunately Baldies are not the smartest breed and rely on their ally in the sky to sweep them from danger and return them home, to guide them on their campaigns, to lead their scientists to new levels of invention, to plan strategies that will help them overcome the evil forces opposing

them. You'll find five worlds and 100 levels to conquer in the Baldies universe, including secret warps, levels and tricks to add to the fun. It's never the same game twice!

**Beasts and Bumpkins** - After being stripped of your lands by the king, you must rebuild from scratch with only a few peasants at your disposal. Manage your lands carefully to increase the number of your servants. Increase the size of your army and defeat the hordes of Dark Lord Sabellian that are terrorizing the countryside. Do all of this and you will be crowned King Mildew I.

**BombGolf** - Bomb Golf is a miniature golf featuring 4 courses of 9 holes, and 4 different games including a special multiplayer game (up to 4 players).

**Profmine** - A mine sweeping game with 18 different boards!

**Virtual Pool** - Virtual Pool is the definitive pool simulation game that actually teaches novice players how to play and even promises to improve the game of the pool shark. Developed by a team of physicists and professional pool players, Virtual Pool brings the game to life with the highest degree of accuracy. Balls roll, skid, collide and move on a fully rendered 3D controlled pool table that mirrors reality. Virtual Pool has revolutionary features that allow players to actually 'walk' around the table to check out their next shot, take a closer look, back away, look left or right and then line-up the shot like they would in a real game with a real table. This title also allows players to take an overhead view from above, something unavailable in a real pool game! Taking game tips from World Champion pool player "Machine Gun" Lou Butera is guaranteed to improve the player's game. "Machine Gun" Lou will teach players over 30 famous trick shots the player can practice on their computer screen and then implement on a real table.

## Tools

**32f9802t - Day-Timer** is an organizer that can be used to manage your schedule, to-do's, addresses, phone calls, notes, and expenses. It can print picture-perfect schedules, address lists, planners, envelopes, labels, or rotary cards to pages that fit most paper planner sizes. With Day-Timer you can switch easily between daily, weekly, and monthly views, schedule recurring meetings in one step, drag and drop to reschedule events, set alarms and advanced notice, keep track of a wealth of contact information, launch into websites and pre-address email messages, automatically forward unfinished tasks, search and sort with ease, and more!

**PS9570** - Print anything you can see on the screen with one key simplicity! PrintScreen 95 is a Print Screen program for Windows 3.1, 95 and NT. PrintScreen will print a full screen by simply pressing the Print Screen key on the keyboard. Great for printing Web Pages while browsing the Internet. Prints an active window using the Alt+Print Screen keys simultaneously Prints a selected area of the screen using the mouse pointer. You can also save your screen images to a bitmap file.

**PSP50b3\_0 - Paint Shop Pro 5** features powerful enhancements to a wide array of painting and retouching brushes, new adjustable cropping and selection tools, and improved image enhancements and third-party plug-in filter support. You can now adjust virtually every color parameter of an image with Paint Shop Pro; palette editing and direct palette mapping allow you to make global color changes to multiple images. Also includes an enhanced thumbnail image browser that allows you to visually search directories for images, advanced Internet graphics file format support, a built-in screen capture utility, batch conversion of over 40 different file formats, and direct TWAIN scanner and digital camera support.

**V95i314E** - More than 200 new viruses are introduced each month, damaging

data and productivity. These viruses are unintentionally sent by trusted employees and friends from disks, networks, bulletin boards, e-mail and the Internet. McAfee's world proven solutions are used by over 25 million people, 80% of the Fortune 1000 and more than 40,000 organizations worldwide. Why have millions chosen McAfee VirusScan for their security? VirusScan offers superior virus detection, removal and customer service. In order to cure a virus, a vendor must receive a sample of the infector. According to IDC, McAfee has 68% of the worldwide unit marketshare for standalone anti-virus software (DOS, Windows and OS/2). Millions of individual and corporate customers, agents in over 65 countries and researchers on three continents enable us to analyze more viruses first, and produce cures quickly. This tremendous installed user base provides McAfee more opportunity to raise quality and detection standards. HunterTM Engine Technology--Raising the Bar to 100% Detection VirusScan for Windows95 3.0 with its HunterTM engine technology offers a new class of protection; the highest level of virus detection in the industry and fast scanning performance.

## Web

**Cook211 - Cookie Cruncher** is a utility that allows you to view, edit, and delete cookies saved on your hard drive by web sites. It allows you to take advantage of Internet cookies, and prevent your privacy from being invaded. It also works as a shell to run your Internet browsers. After you are done browsing, just hit refresh to see all the new cookies that were saved.

**FTPx1010 - FTP Explorer** is a file transfer protocol client for Windows 95 and NT 4.0, that looks and acts very much like the Windows Explorer, offering a fun way to FTP...

**Welk231 - World Clocks** can show unlimited number (theoretically) of clocks - each one can be configured for a different city. Choose from a list of over 100 cities.

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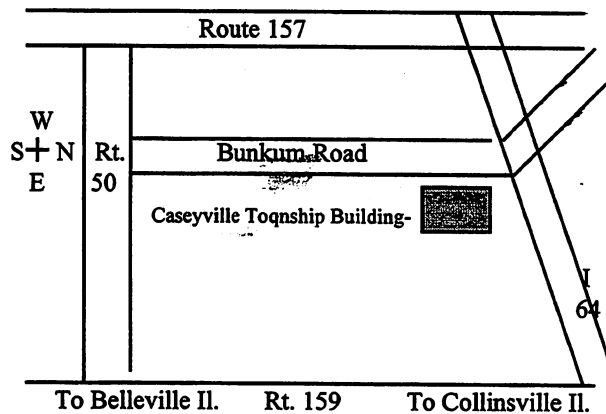
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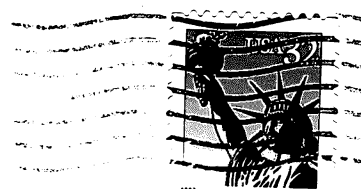
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## President's Page

By Mike Taphorn

Hello from the Pres...

### MAY FREE STUFF UPDATE

I no longer have all the items stored at my house for the 50/50 drawings, so I'll go from memory and decide what the prizes will be for May. I remember that we had a Zip Disk Rack and a keyboard, and I recently picked up a 50-Entry databank with an alarm clock built in. I also recently purchased a set of calculators that we can give away. We'll probably add another prize after I look through the available items and of course there is always the CASH. If you see any items with rebates in the stores, either buy them and the club will reimburse you or give me a call and let me know where they are so I can pick them up myself. Thanks in advance for your help...

### IS IT OUR ANNIVERSARY

We were talking at the last board meeting and the thought came to me that we've been around for 15 years. If I remember correctly, back in 1983 the club had it's first official meeting. I had just graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and I got a Commodore 64. I'm not going to go into one of those "Back in my day..." stories, but the board members and I decided that we should probably have some sort of celebration. If I'm

wrong about the dates, please let me know. We'll probably still have a party, but at least we'll know what our real anniversary date should be. We talked about having a BAR-B-Q / Picnic in the Park again if there is any interest. If that doesn't sound good, we could always have a Pot-Luck dinner like our Christmas party sometime this summer... We'll talk about it at the meeting... **WE'RE GROWING & GROWING.** I hate to keep writing about this every month, but our membership continues to grow and that makes me happy. THANKS!

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The board members and I talked about having the Member Of The Year award ceremony sometime this summer. We're not sure where the plaque is now, but we'll find it and then open up the discussion for Member Of The Year. Start thinking about who should get the award and let us know who you think has helped the club the most lately. All previous winner should be excluded from the list, and we'll let you know who has previously won the award at the May meeting.

### LAST DEMO = NEW MEMBER

Last month's demo was given by Randy Willmore of American Leading Technology. He demonstrated how to build a Pentium II 233/266 system. After he showed us what goes into a computer, he joined the

club. I'd like to recommend that we support Randy and show him that we appreciate his membership and his time that he donated to do the demo.

I believe Randy is scheduled to come back and continue his computer demo at this month's meeting. If he is not available, Dick Koerper has volunteered to show us how to use Microsoft Outlook and a few other Microsoft Products.

### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS???

**At the last board meeting, we kicked around the idea of having more lifetime memberships available for the members. We did not determine what the cost should be, or if it was a good idea for the long term finances of the club, but we figured we could put some feelers out and see what the membership thought about the idea. Right now Earl Salmons is the only Lifetime member. If you buy a lifetime membership, it doesn't mean you have to act like Earl, but you can if you want, it's a free country. Just kidding Earl, we all love you...**

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Since I wrote this article on Mother's Day, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of the Mothers.

See you at the meeting,  
Mike

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**JC Spelce Jr. 5/12**  
**Everett Truttman 5/17**

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By Inge Liggett

Let's all give a big welcome to new members. **Martin Bertulis, Monroe DeRossett Jasper Spears, Scott Rayho, Dean Roberson and Randall Wilmore.**

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By Pat Whalen

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## GETCHER WINDOWS 98 BETA HERE!

Wish you could get your hands on the latest Windows 98 beta, but don't have an industry connection? For a mere \$29.95 U.S., your wish is Microsoft's command (hey, they've got to get some money for all that work from somewhere). Add to that \$5 U.S. for shipping, handling, and taxes.

You can jump on the Consumer Beta Preview wagon at

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/promo/win98preview3/>

Just click below the spinning CD-ROM and follow the instructions for obtaining your very own copy "before they're gone." (Ha!)

## Happy Mothers Day

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April 15, 1998

Wallace Maier Secretary

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- [x] Treas: Joseph (Pat) Whalen
- [x] Libr: Ken Welker
- [x] Membership: Inge Liggett

Well we had TORNADO WARNINGS; But we still had a good turnout; There was 20 in attendance There was 2 guests attended the meeting. I signed them up; Randall Willmore; and Dean Roberson.

Randy Willmore of ALT; Troy, IL. Gave a demo building a new Computer system. My thanks to you Randy; Now I almost feel like a slow poke after seeing a new unit built in front of me.

### Our WINNERS:

Lester Germann ~~~~~ Cash  
Tony Burke ~~~~~ Printer Stand  
Carlos Mariles ~~~~~ CD/Wallet  
Dean Roberson ~~~~~ Joy Stick  
Pat Whalen ~~~~~ Tool Kit

### WANT ADDS:

Wade Farrar (618) 394-8475  
He is looking for a Hard Drive, He has 84 Meg and wants to add a second drive similar or better.

J.C. Spelce Jr. (618) 624-8780

HAS for sale

LIGITECH SCANMAN EASY

TOUCH SCANNER. \$15.00

REQUIRES... Windows 3.1, 386 or 486, 8meg of Ram.

MUSICSTAR by REVEAL. The Multimedia Music System REQUIRES... 386 or higher; Midi capable sound card; speakers or headphones; Windows 3.1 or higher; 4meg ram; mouse; 20 meg hard drive space. \$25.00

## CONTROL YOUR WINDOWS

When you double-click a folder inside a folder inside a folder (and so on), does each folder open in a separate window? There are two ways to switch to a one-window view, so you don't have all that ess on-screen.

Hold down Ctrl as you double-click a folder icon (inside an already-open window). Its contents will replace those of the current window.

To make the one-window view a permanent thing, in any Explorer window, select View, Options, and on the Folder tab, select the second of the two browsing options. Click OK. (Tip: If you want to go back to multiple windows temporarily, use the Ctrl trick, above. It toggles you between the two browsing options on the Folder tab.)

(Note: If you have Internet Explorer 4.0 installed, getting to the option described in the second method, above, is a little different. In any Explorer window, select View, Folder Options, and on the General tab, select Custom, Based on Settings You Choose. Click the Settings button, select an option under Browse Folders as Follows and click OK.

## Editor's View

By Larry briggs

These darn computers. It happened again, my computer crashed and no matter what I did I could not get it to boot up. And to make matters worse, after I decided to reformat the drive the dumb computer would not let me do it. After I exhausted all tricks I knew I had to call in a Garu to do it for me. He told me he never saw a computer so screwed up. It took him 4 hours to make things right again. Of course it took me two days to load all of my programs and set them up. I am ready to complete the newsletter.

Last month I said that I would start printing the GCC Zip Disks from #1 so the new members could have a record for their files. However disk #5 was released with some new programs, so I will run it for one more month.

I have talked to President Mike Taphorn, suggesting that he should try to find someone to take the Editor's job as I do not want to continue as Editor when I move to Bonham Texas in the very near future. I am sure someone in the club would find it interesting and rewarding to take over for me. I don't want to quit until someone volunteer's. If whoever decides to do it I will send them a Zip disk with the setup for 6 pages, more can be added any time, if you can find something to print. The template is all ready to insert text and pictures using Microsoft Publisher. Inge Liggett has the member list and also the labels program. She will keep you apprised of new members, birthdays and dues date.

So don't be bashful, step right up and be counted. The club needs you. I sure hope you will.



## ***This Is A Funny One***

A young couple were invited to a swanky mask Halloween party. The wife came down with a terrible headache and told her husband to go to the party and have a good time. Being the devoted husband, he protested, but she told him there was no need for him to miss the fun, so he took his costume and away he went.

The wife, after sleeping soundly for an hour, awakened without pain, and as it was still early, she decided to go to the party. Because hubby didn't know what her costume was, she thought she would have some kicks watching her husband to see how he acted when she wasn't around.

She joined the party and soon spotted her husband cavorting around on the dance floor. He was dancing with every nice woman he could, and taking a little kiss here and there. The wife sidled up to him and, being a rather seductive woman herself, he left his partner high and dry and devoted his time to the new "action" she was offering. Maybe he know it was her.

She let him go as far as he wished; since he was her husband. Finally he whispered a little proposition in her ear and she agreed, so off they went to one of the cars and they took care of business. Just before unmasking at midnight she slipped out, went home and put the costume away and got into bed, wondering what kind of explanation he would have for his notorious behavior.

She was sitting up reading when he came in, and she asked him what he had done. He said, "Oh, the same old thing. You know I never have a good time when you're not there." Then she asked, "Did you dance much?"

He replied, "I'll tell you, I never even danced one dance. When I got to the party, I met Pete, Bill and some other guys, so we went into the den and played poker all evening. But I'll tell you...the guy that I loaned my costume to sure had one helluva time!"

## **Zip Disk # 5 of the Gateway Computer Club**

**By Jim Tomlinson.**

Although it has been difficult at times, I have continued to produce a new IOMEGA Zip disk filled with neat stuff about every three to four months. I haven't done this completely alone and would like to thank Gerald Lewallen for his help in providing new shareware for us to enjoy. In spite of this, without YOUR help, this cannot continue for much longer! I need your input on what

you want to see on this disk! Do you want more games? More Utilities? More internet Web stuff? No matter what it is, I need your input!! If there is a certain program that you have seen on the Web that is too big for you to wait, tell me and I'll download it!

### ***Communications***

**Autodial** – Allows your modem to automatically dial a number.

**ZOC - ZOC** is a all around multipurpose communication program that can be used to access BBSs through modem or ISDN, telnet hosts in the LAN or Internet and special character based services via named pipe.

### ***Games***

**Baldies** - Welcome to the amazing worlds of Baldies, where our folically challenged little friends engage in hilarious acts of war. With a skilled team of workers, builders, soldiers and scientists the Baldies scatter the land with their towns, forests, laboratories and barracks, not to mention mine fields and cannons. Unfortunately Baldies are not the smartest breed and rely on their ally in the sky to sweep them from danger and return them home, to guide them on their campaigns, to lead their scientists to new levels of invention, to plan strategies that will help them overcome the evil forces opposing them. You'll find five worlds and 100 levels to conquer in the Baldies universe, including secret warps, levels and tricks to add to the fun. It's never the same game twice!

**Balls of Steel** - Balls of Steel Shareware is a pinball emulation for Windows 95. Click PLAY on the main menu to start the currently displayed table. The table begins in its 'attract' mode which shows off the table layout and gives basic instructions on the dotpanel. To play a one-player game, press ENTER, and then ENTER again to fire the ball and start the game. For some tables you can vary the force with which the ball is kicked out by holding down the ENTER key for a short time, then releasing it to fire the ball. You can also start a 2- 3- or 4-player game by pressing the 2, 3, or 4

keys during the table's attract mode.

**Beasts and Bumpkins** - After being stripped of your lands by the king, you must rebuild from scratch with only a few peasants at your disposal. Manage your lands carefully to increase the number of your servants. Increase the size of your army and defeat the hordes of Dark Lord Sabellian that are terrorizing the countryside. Do all of this and you will be crowned King Mildew I.

**BombGolf** - Bomb Golf is a miniature golf featuring 4 courses of 9 holes, and 4 different games including a special multiplayer game (up to 4 players).

**Profmine** - A mine sweeping game with 18 different boards!

**Virtual Pool** - Virtual Pool is the definitive pool simulation game that actually teaches novice players how to play and even promises to improve the game of the pool shark. Developed by a team of physicists and professional pool players, Virtual Pool brings the game to life with the highest degree of accuracy. Balls roll, skid, collide and move on a fully rendered 3D controlled pool table that mirrors reality. Virtual Pool has revolutionary features that allow players to actually 'walk' around the table to check out their next shot, take a closer look, back away, look left or right and then line-up the shot like they would in a real game with a real table. This title also allows players to take an overhead view from above, something unavailable in a real pool game! Taking game tips from World Champion pool player "Machine Gun" Lou Butera is guaranteed to improve the player's game. "Machine Gun" Lou will teach players over 30 famous trick shots the player can practice on their computer screen and then implement on a real table.

### ***ScreenSavers***

**Baby** – Here's that dancing baby

that everyone's talking about.

**Baby25** - This program is a screen saver for Windows 95 and possibly NT (not tested). You will need the drivers for AVI files and MIDI (most systems already have them if you have a sound card). I don't supply them.

**Babycar.mov** - Once you get tired of the dancing baby, see it get run over by a car.

**Bdrunk** - Another .mov file of the dancing baby, but this time it's drunk.

**BudLizards\_lg** - Watch the lizards from the Budweiser commercial as they heckle the frogs and eat dragonflies.

**Military** - That darn dancing baby again, this time in uniform.

**MMSaver** - M & Ms came out with a new millenium screensaver, featuring those two little candies.

#### Tools

**32f9802t - Day-Timer** is an organizer that can be used to manage your schedule, to-do's, addresses, phone calls, notes, and expenses. It can print picture-perfect schedules, address lists, planners, envelopes, labels, or rotary cards to pages that fit most paper planner sizes. With Day-Timer you can switch easily between daily, weekly, and monthly views, schedule recurring meetings in one step, drag and drop to reschedule events, set alarms and advanced notice, keep track of a wealth of contact information, launch into websites and pre-address email messages, automatically forward unfinished tasks, search and sort with ease, and more!

**Makaha** - Makaha is a 32-bit graphic viewer that supports most graphic formats. Incl: Kodak PhotoCD, JPG, BMP GIF, PNG, PCX, TIF, CIT, MSD, EPS, TGA, PCT, WMF, WPG, MAC, + AVI, WAV, MID, MPG, MOV! Twain scanning - Digital Cameras - Frame Grabbers \* Multi page Printing, Convert from/to most formats \* Effects Filters \* Capture \* Clipboard \* Zoom Flip \* Draw \* Text on Graphics 28

Wipes \* Magnify \* Wallpaper Slide show \* Clipping \* Captures Movies-Adjustable size screen \* Animations-Adjust speed, frame by frame play \* Stereo Sound playing-1 or all \*CD Player \* Drag Zoom Drag & Drop The Play Bin Quick Shots thumbnails) Batch conversion ToolTips, AutoSave, \*Icons and instant Icon conversion, \*Sound for Slide and Screen Saver, \*Instant Wallpaper, Load into Paint, \*Uninstall Incl. Resize, Print, Screen Saver, Clip, Info bar, QuickShots, plus minor fixes UUencode/UUdecode, Read Zips - View text, help and graphics before unzipping.

**PS9570 - Print** anything you can see on the screen with one key simplicity! PrintScreen 95 is a Print Screen program for Windows 3.1, 95 and NT. PrintScreen will print a full screen by simply pressing the Print Screen key on the keyboard. Great for printing Web Pages while browsing the Internet. Prints an active window using the Alt+Print Screen keys simultaneously Prints a selected area of the screen using the mouse pointer. You can also save your screen images to a bitmap file.

**PSP50b3\_0 - Paint Shop Pro 5** features powerful enhancements to a wide array of painting and retouching brushes, new adjustable cropping and selection tools, and improved image enhancements and third-party plug-in filter support. You can now adjust virtually every color parameter of an image with Paint Shop Pro; palette editing and direct palette mapping allow you to make global color changes to multiple images. Also includes an enhanced thumbnail image browser that allows you to visually search directories for images, advanced Internet graphics file format support, a built-in screen capture utility, batch conversion of over 40 different file formats, and direct TWAIN scanner and digital camera support.

**V95i314E** - More than 200 new viruses are introduced each month, damaging data and productivity. These viruses are unintentionally sent by trusted employees and friends from disks, networks, bulletin boards, e-mail and the Internet. McAfee's world proven solutions are used by over 25 million people, 80% of

the Fortune 1000 and more than 40,000 organizations worldwide. Why have millions chosen McAfee VirusScan for their security? VirusScan offers superior virus detection, removal and customer service. In order to cure a virus, a vendor must receive a sample of the infector. According to IDC, McAfee has 68% of the worldwide unit marketshare for standalone anti-virus software (DOS, Windows and OS/2). Millions of individual and corporate customers, agents in over 65 countries and researchers on three continents enable us to analyze more viruses first, and produce cures quickly. This tremendous installed user base provides McAfee more opportunity to raise quality and detection standards. HunterTM Engine Technology--Raising the Bar to 100% Detection VirusScan for Windows95 3.0 with its HunterTM engine technology offers a new class of protection; the highest level of virus detection in the industry and fast scanning performance.

#### Web

**Cook211 - Cookie Cruncher** is a utility that allows you to view, edit, and delete cookies saved on your hard drive by web sites. It allows you to take advantage of Internet cookies, and prevent your privacy from being invaded. It also works as a shell to run your Internet browsers. After you are done browsing, just hit refresh to see all the new cookies that were saved.

**Cp32e405** - Just when you think you can keep up with the latest browser wars, Netscape puts out a new release. This one features faster java execution and better support for VBScript (Microsoft's answer to java).

**FTPx1010 - FTP Explorer** is a file transfer protocol client for Windows 95 and NT 4.0, that looks and acts very much like the Windows Explorer, offering a fun way to FTP...

**Wclk231 - World Clocks** can show unlimited number (theoretically) of clocks - each one can be configured for a different city. Choose from a list of over 100 cities.

# **GCC Directory**

## **Next Meeting**

MAY 20th 1998 7:00pm

## **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

June 3rd. 1998 6:00 pm  
at the Ryan's  
Swansea/Fairview Heights, Illinois.

## **Next Copy Session:**

At all regular meetings

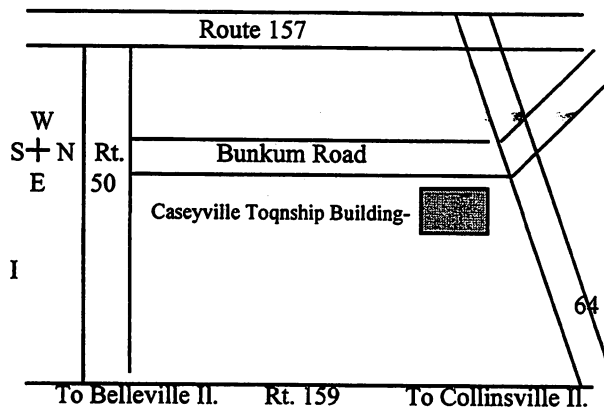
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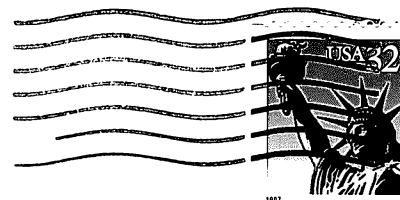
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# *Bits & Chips*

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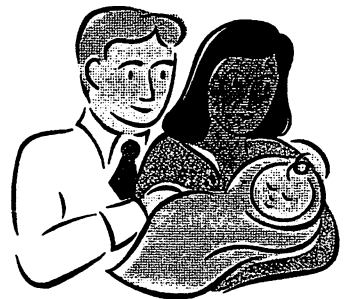
The Gateway Computer Club

June 1998

## **President's Page**

By Mike Taphorn

Hello from the Pres...



***It is***

***A***

***BOY!***

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## Happy Birthday To

**John Hubbard, June 10**  
**Lester Germann, June 8**  
**Kathrin Jethro, June 27**  
**John Jordon, June 2**  
**Earl Salmons, June 12**  
**Ruth Shaw, June 9**  
**Carma Shetterly, June 3**

**Happy Birthday !**

## Membership Report

By Odie Farris, III & Inge Liggett

Let's all give a **BIG WELCOME** to A New Member. *Betty Feigenbutz*

**THANKS AGAIN** for continuing their membership with us. *Everett Truttmann and Bob Clark.*

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. *Mark Farley, & Joseph Pat Whalen.*

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. **None**

If you have any questions about your membership, see *Inge Liggett* at the meeting or call 618-344-0839.

## Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen

BALANCE May 1, 1998. \$ 572.49

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| D.O.M. ZIP Disks | \$45.00 |
| MEMBERSHIP       | \$60.00 |
| E 50/50.....     | \$20.50 |

**INCOME..... \$ 125.50**

### ◆ Expenses

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| PREMIUMS FOR MEETING |          |
| DRAWING.....         | \$ 0.00  |
| NEWS LETTER.....     | \$ 47.50 |
| POSTAGE.....         | \$ 0.00  |
| ZIP DISKS.....       | \$ 0.00  |
| CD CASES.....        | \$ 0.00  |
| CHECKS.....          | \$ 0.00  |
| SERVICE CHARGE       | \$ 25.00 |

**MAY. EXPENSES..... \$72.50**

CURRENT BALANCE.. **\$625.49.**  
AS OF JUNE 1, 1998

This was the last straw—closed UMB account and opened new account at First Collinsville Bank.

## The Officers

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Libr: (Ms-DOS) .....Ken Welker 618-234-5901  
Membership .....Inge Liggett 618-344-0839

## And now for today's tip...

By Odie Farris, III

The following is from PC World Magazine.

***Keep Your System Running Like New.***

- (1): Don't buy software ending in "0," which often signals new features that may be inadequately tested or frustratingly buggy.
- (2): Watch what you are doing before installing new software. Take a snapshot of your existing system so you can learn how the installer changed it. Some uninstall programs, like Quarterdeck's Remove—it include logging utilities for this purpose.
- (3): Bash Bloat: I admit it. I run a dozen doodads invisibly on my system. But the more accessories you have in StartUp group (Windows 3.x) or folder (Windows 95, 98, or NT 4.0), the longer Windows will take to load and the more crotchety your system will be. Likewise, avoid installing billions of unnecessary fonts.

***More next month.***

## General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

MAY 20, 1998

by Wallace Maier Secretary

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.:

OFFICERS roll call:

[X] President: Mike Taphorn  
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[X] Membership: Inge Liggett  
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There were 30 people attending the meeting.

We had one guest **Ronnie Stinson From Cahokia**. First order of business **Odie Farris, III** volunteered as Editor of our Newsletter. We discussed celebrating the 15th anniversary of our Club. WE all are planning a Bar Q at Longacre Park in **O'Fallon**. Suggested Month is September. Also discussion was presented to honor someone as Member of the Year with an award. This award is called **Bob Swuarez Award**. The award is intended to be a surprise to someone during our Christmas Party in December. Nominations are being accepted and it is asked that your valuable suggestions be Emailed to the **Pres, Mike at miketap@aol.com**. New business included discussion on life membership in our club by prepayment

### ♦ DRAWINGS

Our 50/50 winner ..... Henry Kilgus  
Cable Organizer ..... Inge Liggett  
Printer Stand..... Rolland Bockhorst  
Personal Organizer..... John Jordon-  
Calculator.....Lee Bales  
Mouse.....Henry Kilgus(  
Mouse..... Odie Farris

### ♦ DEMO

President Mike gave an impressive presentation on a powerful program called, **OUTLOOK 97**. Some of Y'all missed it. Well, let us all make efforts to attend demos. **THANKS MIKE!** *For a job well done.* Some future business speakers may bring to & give us some goodies to take home and use.

If most of us showed interest in vendors Products, they (him/her) perhaps would come to our meeting with an abundance of goodies and not want to take them back to his/her PR office. I have seen that happen. Some items may not be perfect or may need a low cost accessory. Even if we did not want what he/she left at our meeting the next time he/she comes may become a bananza. In fact, what do Ya think? Some usable items may be such that they just do not need and it is costing to much money to shelve.

## BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB.

June 3, 1998

by Wallace Maier Secretary

We met at Ryans steak House 6:00 PM.

OFFICERS present:

[x] President: Mike Taphorn  
[x] Vice President: Jim Tomlinson  
[x] Secretary: Wallace Maier  
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NEXT MEETING July 1, 1998

[DEMO]\_\_ We are looking forward to the presentation by Randy Willmore of Americian Leading Technology Troy, IL.

TO MAKE DIALER REMEMBER PASSWORD.

GO TO CONTROL PANEL

CLICK ON NETWORK.

ADD CLIENT FOR MICROSOFT NETWORK.

(MY WINDOW SHOWS)

CLIENT FOR MICROSOFT NETWORK  
DIAL UP ADAPTER.

TCP/IP.

BACK UP EXEC.WINDOW.

SMALL WINDOW.

CLIENT FOR MICROSOFT NETWORK  
CLICK IDENTIFICATION TAB.

[FILL THE THREE BOXES]

(FILL IN A NAME)

( NET )

( ???686??? )

GO TO DIALER AND THE BOX

SHOULD BE CHECKED TO REMEMBER THE PASSWORD.

NOW ADD THE PASSWORD AND REBOOT.

## Editor's View

By Odie Farris, III

Larry Briggs provided an error free and professionally created Zip Disk that has allowed me to save many hours from being bogged down in desperation. So Larry if you are reading this newsletter I THANK YOU for your sincere commitment to our club. I will try to provide a choice newsletter in this transition period. Wally was a great help to me by the way. He stayed on the phone with me for over 3 hours as we made a duplicate zip disk and made other clearer task for me. Wally was also helpful in showing me shortcuts with my complicated zip drive and new mouse. Thank You Wally. Inge volunteered to help me also. Thank You Inge.

## Management Philosophy & Humor

"If It isn't Broken, Break It."

&

"If It isn't Broken, It is time to Improve it."

&

If It isn't Broken, It is time to sell It."

## Happy Fathers Day



# **GCC Directory**

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June 17th 1998 7:00pm

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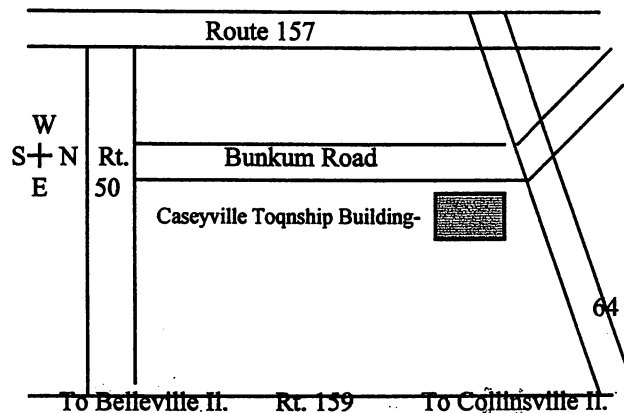
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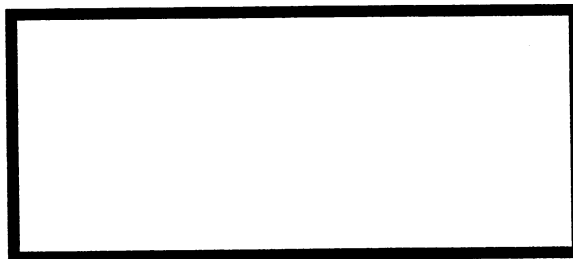
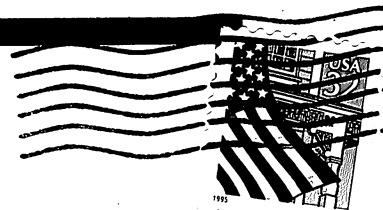
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# Bits & Chips

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## President's Page

By Mike Taphorn  
Hello from the Pres...

### BABY UPDATE !

I hope everyone read last months article, because you're not going to see an article that short for a long time. As I told everyone last month at the meeting, Beverly and I have a new son, Andrew Micheal Taphorn. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz., when he was born on June 7th 1998. He was 20' long. He had his three week check-up last week and he already gained about two pounds and he has grown an inch and a half since he was born. He is on my lap right now and I can tell he is bigger than the last time I wrote to everyone with him on my lap. He already has us wrapped around his little finger. But babies are made for spoiling....

## JULY FREE STUFF LIST

I got some new stuff at the stores recently, so we might as well give it away. We'll give away a nice joystick, a mouse, and a good surge protector. We'll also give away a package of 30 blank disk and a game pad  
Don't miss the meeting or someone else will get the good stuff

## Our Anniversary B.B.Q.

At one of the last meetings, we decided that we should celebrate our 15th anniversary with a PotLuck Picnic in the Park. Our Picnic in the park is scheduled for September 12th at Long Acre Park Pavilion #4. Everyone needs to Thank Hank Kilgus for his help in reserving the pavilion and making the calls required to ensure we'll all have a good time. We passed around a food list at the last meeting and we'll continue to pass it around at all the meetings before the picnic to make sure everyone has time to decide what to bring and sign-up for their favorites....

## MEMBER OF THE YEAR

When I brought up the subject of Member of the Year Awards, the elders of the club checked their memory banks and told me that the board members are supposed to decide who the Chosen Member will be and announce the results at the November Meeting. We'll find the plaque and start thinking about it so we'll have our minds made up by the deadline. If wrong, let me know, I wrote this from memory.

## JULY DEMO-ONLINE AUCTIONS

Last month's demo was given by Dick Koepfer and I think everyone learned a lot from his demonstration. THANKS DICK!!!!

We didn't have a board meeting this month, so I had to come up with a demo myself. I recently ordered the Palm III planner that I talked about during the Outlook 98 demonstration that I gave two months ago. I ordered it through an online auction and saved \$100.00. I should have it by the Meeting. I started thinking about doing a Palm III demo, but the screen is too small so I came up with the idea of demonstrating how online auctions work by going on the internet. So this month I'll show you how the

Auctions work and see what bargains we can find.

## FOUR YEAR MEMBERSHIPS????

*At the last meeting, we kicked around the idea of having lifetime / multi-year memberships available for the members. I think we ended up determining that a \$50.00 for 4 Years of membership plan would be better than a lifetime membership. Let me know what you think at the next meeting and we'll finalize our plans and decide how to implement the idea if everyone likes it.*

## Quote of the Month

*The instructor was demonstrating the wonders of static electricity to his class at MIT. While holding a plastic rod in one hand and a wool cloth in the other, he told the class, "You can see that I get a large charge from rubbing my rod..." That was pretty much the end of learning for that day.*

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING,

MIKE





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## Happy Birthday To

**Lee Bales, July 14**  
**Roland Bockhorst, July 14**  
**Larry Briggs, July 18**  
**Marshall Bush, July 12**

**Happy Birthday !**

## Membership Report

By Odie Farris, III

Let's all give a **BIG WELCOME** to A New Members. **Martin M. Bertulis**

**THANKS AGAIN** for continuing their membership with us. **Everett Truttmann and Bob Clark.**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting: **Gerald LeWallen**  
These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership.  
**None**

## The Officers

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Libr: (Ms-DOS) .....Ken Welker  
618-234-5901

## And now for today's tip...

By Odie Farris, III

### ***I FEEL A LITTLE BLOATED!***

Bloatware is the (sarcastic) term for software that has a lot of—or just plain too many—features and requires considerable disk space and RAM. Unfortunately, there is a growing trend among software publishers to disregard the size of an app and create software that insists you continue to increase your computers RAM and storage, and in some cases even requires you to upgrade your processor. Some people refer this trend as “creeping featuritis”

**Your Editor's Opinion:** No cure was given for the “itis” in the article. Then #^%&&\* So What!  
“Creeping featuritis sounds good to me!”

Article was downloaded from PC World.Com. Dummies Daily

### ***Next month.***

How to purchase a home/renter insurance policy for your computer.

## Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen

BALANCE July 1, 1998 \$ 611.08

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| D.O.M. ZIP Disks | \$12.00 |
| MEMBERSHIP       | \$30.00 |
| E 50/50.....     | \$17.00 |

**JUNE INCOME.....\$59.00**

### ◆ **Expenses**

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| PREMIUMS FOR MEETING |         |
| DRAWING.....         | \$39.13 |
| NEWS LETTER.....     | \$15.08 |
| POSTAGE.....         | \$19.20 |
| ZIP DISKS.....       | \$0.00  |
| CD CASES.....        | \$0.00  |
| SERVICE CHARGE       | \$0.00  |

**JUNE EXPENSES.....\$73.41**

CURRENT BALANCE...\$611.08..  
AS OF JULY 1, 1998

### **NOTE**

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## General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

June 17, 1998

by Wallace Maier Secretary

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.:

OFFICERS roll call:

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[X] Vice President: Jim Tomlinson

[X] Secretary: Wallace Maier

[X] Treasurer: Joseph (Pat) Whalen

[X] Libr: MsDos DOM: Ken Welker

[A] Editor: Odie Farris, III

There were 24 people attending the meeting. A Guest *Roy Groover*  
First order of Business

**Keep in Mind ! September 12th at Longacre Park Pavillion #4**

**Fairview Heights From 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM. The Pavillion has ten tables and a grill or two in case you want to do some cooking.**

**[edible only]. Let us know if you will attend and how many people will be with you. Bring the meat of your choice and a covered dish and we will have a good time! Beware of storm warnings that day.**

Protect your equipment Serge protectors can be bought to protect both the power and phone connections. But they do not last forever if you have had a lot of electrical storms in your area and your serge protector has been in service 18 months it might be a good time to replace it. You can use the old one for your work bench or cheaper electronic equipment in your house.

**New Business By next meeting we hope to have the contents of the 5 zip DOM available on a CD. I look forward to that. Then I will be able to reformat the old disks and not have to buy zip disk for a while**

**Dick Koerper did a demo on Picture Publisher 7.0 Thanks Dick! It was informative and there are so many things you can do with these**

*programs. I cannot imagine what is next. Just save, practice, experiment and save. The key word is IMAGINATION!*

### ♦ DRAWINGS

Our 50/50 winner ..... John  
Printer stand ..... David Epps  
Wrist pad.....Lester Germann  
Joy stick.....Pat Whalen-  
Surge protector.....Betty Fagenbutz  
Mouse.....Everett Truttmann  
Gloves..... Rich Koerper

## BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB.

***There was no business meeting for the Month of June 1998***



## Editor's View

By Odie Farris, III

Well, it seems the government is trying to put a cap on what Microsoft founder Bill Gates can do and not do. The man is worth (as of this letter) 56 billion dollars. He has built possibly the best products in recent decades. His only sin is that he built his product better than any one else and at an affordable price. I am concerned, like everyone else about a monopoly and the ramifications that come with that type of powerhouse. But, Bill did not demand that ANYONE purchase his products. There were and still are options available. But who wants them? So has anyone tried Win 98. I haven't. Why is it you question. My computer is a Compaq and I will need to do about 8 computer restarts, just to CD download Win 98. On top of that I will need to ask Hewlett Packard to send special software that will allow me to use my scanner in Win 98. The usual language from these companies is that Microsoft just said to them "we are not changing anything in Win 98, you fix it yourself to be compatible with your computer or other product." That's Right yall. And everyone is doing it. I will eventually purchase Win 98, I guess, or just may wait on NT. 5

### WORDS OF WISDOM

- ♦ Some People don't have to put the light out to be in the dark.
- ♦ It's hard to get ahead of someone when you're trying to get even with them.
- ♦ Most people never put their best foot forward until they get the other foot in hot water.
- ♦ The only time drivers want to see spots before their eyes is when they're looking for a place to park.
- ♦ People who say they know how to keep quite usually don't know what to keep quite.

### HUMOR AGAIN

One kid to another in school; " Cover me while I go to the school library."

## **GCC Directory**

### **Next Meeting**

July 15th 1998 7:00pm

### **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

August 5th 1998 6:00 pm  
at the Ryans Steak House  
O'Fallon Illinois.

### **Next Copy Session:**

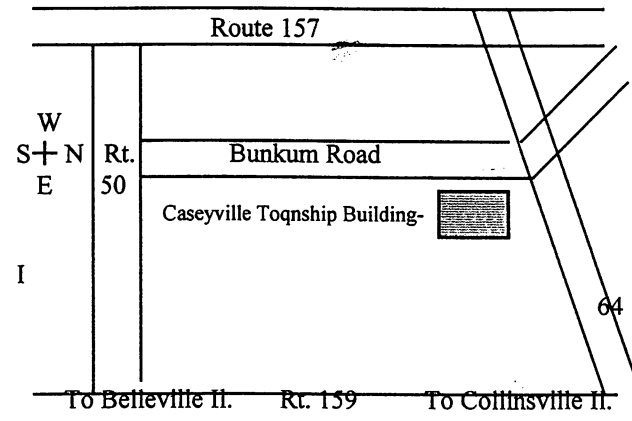
At all regular meetings

### **Visitor's Always Welcome At Meetings**

Meetings are held the third  
Wednesday of every month at the  
Caseyville Township Hall, 10001  
Bunkum Road in Fairview Heights,  
Illinois.

## **Gateway Computer Club Meeting Place.**

**At the Caseyville Township Build-  
ing  
10001 Bunkum Road  
Fairview Heights, Illinois**



## **Bits & Chips**

Gateway Computer Club  
Mike Taphorn  
101 Spring Glen  
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# Bits & Chips

Volume 15, Issue 8

The Gateway Computer Club

August 1998

## President's Page

By Mike Taphorn  
Hello from the Pres...

### BABY UPDATE !

I am not going to make the Baby Update a regular feature of our COMPUTER CLUB NEWSLETTER, but one last article can't hurt. Andy weights about 12 lbs. And 12 ozs now and he eats all the time. Actually he started sleeping through the night lately and I appreciate that a lot. He still has us wrapped around his little finger, but, I still say babies are made for spoiling...

### AUG. FREE STUFF/SALE. INFO

OFFICEMAX is having another MAX-Rebate program that has a lot of good stuff. I like to support the stores that help us get our 50/50 drawing prizes so they deserve a plug. Everybody go down to Office-Max and get some of the free stuff before it is all gone. They also have some nice pencils and pens with full rebates for those of you with children or grandchildren that are getting ready to go back to school. I did pick up a joystick, for the club to use as

prizes. That way everyone that wins has a chance to get something good and something that they can use. Be at the next meeting if you want a chance to win big...

### OUR ANNIVERSARY B.B.Q.

DON'T FORGET TO PUT SEPTEMBER 12TH ON YOUR CALENDARS. A friend of mine recently interviewed me for a special section of the News Democrat Newspaper and she was going to try to get our club mentioned and especially the picnic. If anyone gets the News Democrat, please keep your eyes peeled for a special pull out section on technology related information and our club picnic will hopefully make it into the article. Please remember that 15th anniversary Potluck Picnic in the park Pavilion #4. I am sure we will have lots of good food....

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

I have been informed that the plaque has been resurrected from it's sacred holding place and it will be ready for our newly ordained winner's of the Bob Suarez Memorial Member-Of -The-Year-Award Ceremonies in November.

### JULY DEMO=SLOW AUGUST DEMO=GREAT

I will be the first to admit that the July Demo was not much fun, and I am the one that tried to give it. The internet just would not cooperate with us and let us surf at any reasonable speeds. I guess I learned a valuable lesson. Never do alive internet demonstration at

8:15 PM at night. Maybe in the future when the internet is more reliable my lesson will no longer apply.

Our August demonstration should be a good one. Demonstration should be a good one. We decided at the board meeting that since everyone is considering what operating system they should use now that WIN 98 is available. We decided to do a demonstration of the Windows 95 control panel. It is where almost all of your hardware and software settings can be modified and adjusted. We'll also have a bunch of good WIN 95 tips and tricks to show everyone. After I get my laptop upgraded to win 98 this fall, we'll do another demonstration that shows the differences between Win 95 and Win 98. I think we're going to do. Don't miss it, it's going to be good.

### CLINTON JOKES OF THE MONTH!

*Reagan, Bush and Clinton are on the titanic. Reagan says: "Women and Children First.."*

*Bush says: "Screw the women and children."*

*Clinton says: "Do you think we have time?"*

*Reagan Bush and Clinton & The Wizard of Oz.*

*Reagan, says: "I would like a heart."*

*Bush says: "I would like a brain."*

*Clinton says: "Is that little girl Dorothy still around?"*

*See you at the  
Meeting.*

*Mike*

## The Club

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## Wally's Tip

### And now for today's tip...

Courtesy of CONSULTING AND SUPPLY  
Automate@bellsouth.net—http://www.oddparts.com/help.htm.

Refill instructions: Cannon BC-20, BCI-21 cartridges; also Apple M3240GA and M3330GA Cartridges. Many different Cannon 4000/4100/4200/4500 Series Printers. Many other printers, including certain Apple Stylewriter 2400/2500 models.

**THEORY:** The ink in this cartridge is retained because the cartridge has an internal sponge.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Step (1): Put the cartridge on some paper towels in an area where you can tolerate a spill. Step (2): For the black cartridge, use a 1/16 inch or #55 drill to enlarge the fill hole on top of the cartridge. This may be covered by a label. Step (3): Inject the black BCI-21 cartridge with about 4 ml of ink (about 1/8 of a syringe bottle). (use about 30 ml—a full syringe bottle—for the BC-20 cartridge.) Inject S-L-O-W-L-Y to fill the entire cartridge. Be sure to remove and re-insert the needle a few times to expose the entire sponge to the ink. Step (4): You only need the hole on top of a piece of electrical tape for extended storage or transportation to prevent leaking or drying out. Remove the tape when printing. Step (5): Set on a paper towel for an hour as a drip precaution. Expect a few drips. Cover all holes during storage to prevent leaks and evaporation. Step (6): Take the color BCI-21 cartridge. Hold the bottom securely with a vise or wrench and (using another wrench), snap off the top cover. Step (7): There are three vent holes on top. Enlarge these holes with a 1/16 inch, 1.5 mm, or #55 drill. Looking down from the top, if the back center hole is cyan, the Magenta hole is to the front left and the Yellow is to the front right. Verify this by inserting an empty syringe needle and removing it for a color check.

Step (8): Tape over the two holes which your ARE NOT FILLING to prevent ink contamination. Each color can only take about 2 ml when empty, so do not expect much. Refill slowly as you did the black cartridge. Step (9): You only need cover the hole with a piece of electrical tape for extended storage or transportation to prevent leaking or drying out. Remove the tape when printing. Step (10): Set on a paper towel for an hour as a drip precaution. Expect a few drips. Cover all holes during storage to prevent leaks.

To Clean the Printhead: Follow the directions in the printer manual. To Clean Your Hands: The ink is watersoluble. Use plenty of soap and warm water. You may also wish to use Comet or a cleaner if the stains persist.

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By Pat Whalen

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|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| D.O.M. ZIP Disks | \$10.00 |
| MEMBERSHIP       | \$14.00 |
| E 50/50.....     | \$17.00 |

**JULY INCOME.....\$41.00**

### ◆ Expenses

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| PREMIUMS FOR MEETING |         |
| DRAWING.....         | \$0.00  |
| NEWSLETTER.....      | \$19.20 |
| ZIP DISKS.....       | \$0.00  |
| CD CASES.....        | \$0.00  |
| SERVICE CHARGE       | \$0.00  |

**JUNE EXPENSES.....\$29.62**

CURRENT BALANCE...\$622.46  
AS OF AUGUST 1, 1998

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## Happy Birthday To

**Thelma Currat: August 26**  
**June Donze: August 21**  
**Inge Liggett: August 27**  
**Ken Welker: August 24**

**Happy Birthday !**

## General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

July 15, 1998

by Wallace Maier Secretary

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[X] Editor: Odie Farris, III

There were 24 people attending the meeting. NEW MEMBERS, **PAUL J. WALSH FROM CASEYVILLE, ILLINOIS, JIM MEINERT FROM O'FALLON, ILLINOIS AND DAVE EPPS OF BELLEVILLE. WELCOME GENTS!**

Refreshments were provided by Marty Bertulis. THANK YOU MARTY!

First order of Business:: LISTEN-UP!

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[EDIBLE ONLY OR RECYCLE.

YOUR FOOD]. Let us know if you will attend and how many people will be with you. Bring the meat of your choice and a covered dish and we will have a good time! Beware of storm warnings that day.

Mike Taphorn gave a Demo of Internet Auctions. WE had difficulty getting on the server we wanted. I guess there was a lot of activity on the Web at that time. For you people who have been getting the Zip Disk of the Month. We now have the first five zip disks on a CD. Its is available for \$10.00 This gave me the use of 5 Zip Disks I did not have to buy. Next Month is open at this time. Let's hear from you.!

♦ DRAWINGS

Our 50/50 winner.....PAUL WALSH
Joystick FARRIS JACKSON
Mouse.....CHARLES GARNER-
Surge Protector.....MARTY BERTULIS
Remote ControlKEN WELKER
Game PadLEE BATES.
Fax Paper.....PAT WAHLEN
Pack of Floppy Disks..MARTY BERTULIS
Wrist Pad.....PAUL WALSH
Joy Stick.....CHARLES GARNER

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Editor's View

By Odie Farris, III

Well, I am in my third month (if I counted correct) as Editor of our Newsletter. I have had the honor of meeting numerous new and dedicated friends. We all laugh together, work together and just without any fear that someone will interfere with our goal of professional teamwork. Yes, I have thoroughly enjoyed my membership in the Gateway Computer Club. Joining this club was my best INVESTMENT to learn more about computers. I would urge each of new members and our regular come-to-meetings-at-all-cost-members to spread to each other the welcome you have continued too demonstrate in our meeting and on your job. Frankly, I think Mike recognized quickly that the best way to keep me from running my mouth consistently during regular meeting, would be to put me to work. Well, anyway. Do yall think the Pres can be that accurate any length of time? And of course I cannot forget my good friend Wally. He and I spent numerous hours every night several weeks ago trying out new programs, hardware, and peripherals. I know that one night we did not stop our networking by phone, fax, and email until 6:30 AM. That may not seem difficult. But we started at around 9:00 PM the previous day. We both had an enjoyable time testing of our different and new methods of computing. Bottom Line of all that I have said is that I have enjoyed being around you my new friends and I Thank All of you for your help.

Odie,

PC Insurance: By Odie Farris, III, Editor.

The Following is EDITED info from the magazine "Smart Computing In Plain English" July 1998

The best way to find out about insurance is to talk to your insurance agent to see what is covered under your homeowners/renter policy. Now, your insurance policy will probably cover computer damage resulting from accidents beyond your control, such as fires, storms, lightning strikes, and power surges. But it doesn't cover accidents you're responsible for such as spilling a drink on the computer or dropping your portable PC.

Homeowners and renters policies also might not cover the entire cost of replacing your computer. Some insurance companies let you choose whether you want to insure the replacement cost of your property or, for a lower premium, its current value. Your computer is almost certainly worth less than replacement cost. A computer more than a year old may be worth only a few hundred dollars, but the cost to replace it would probably be more than \$1000.00. Some homeowners and renters policies cover the replacement costs or if not, you may pay a slightly higher premium.

SCHEDULING

When you schedule property, also known as endorsing, you're essentially insuring that piece of property against virtually anything. You'll pay more, but you'll receive more coverage—those accidents that you're responsible for will be covered after all replacement cost. The only major exception to this type of insurance is floods and earthquakes, which generally require coverage under separate insurance. Scheduling can be cheap. Depending on

where you live and your insurance company, the cost to schedule property on your Homeowners/renters policy could be as little as \$1.00 per \$100 of property per year. For example, a \$1,500 computer would cost \$15 a year to schedule. That's peanuts when you consider what you could end up paying to replace the computer. What better, with some insurance policies, there is no deductible if you schedule the computer. It is suggested by some insurance agencies to schedule your computer. Often times there is no deductible, and you get better coverage. Now that you can start such coverage with computers you already own. An agent says there is no statute of limitations when it comes to insuring property. You don't have to take chances if you did not insure at time of purchase.

COMPUTER INSURANCE POLICIES

Not all insurance companies offer option of scheduling your computer, however, check with your agent. If you cannot obtain this coverage, but do not want to switch insurance companies, consider buying a policy from an insurance company that offers policies covering only your computer. Safeware is one such company; by its estimates, it insures one in every 1000 PCs in the United States. Safeware offers more comprehensive coverage limit of \$15,000—and more protection for portable PCs. These policies also cover the full replacement cost. Safeware spokesperson Jennifer Blackburn says "There is no deductible or depreciation." For example, if you purchased a then Top-of-the-line 486 computer several years ago, insured it, and lost it tomorrow in a fire, your coverage would buy your today's top of the line computer, the pentium II. A point to note point to

Point to remember from your editor is perhaps you will need to look toward peripherals also for insuring. Eg. scanners, printers.

PORTABLES

Some insurance policies even cover your personal property when you are away from home. Say someone breaks into your car and steals your portable PC—which you probably shouldn't leave in your car anyway. Your insurance will cover it. But, of course, the generosity of insurance companies has its bounds. Limits on the amount of property your homeowners policy will cover outside the home do apply. A typical limit is 10% of the maximum amount covered by your policy. Example, you are insured for \$15,000 worth of property your portable would be covered at \$1,500.00. Portables are more prone for damage, as in airport personnel throwing your packaged portable or rough rides in cars and briefcases.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR INSURANCE AGENT

- ♦ *Am I covered for the replacement cost or the value of the computer?*
- ♦ *What kind of accidents (perils) am I insured against?*
- ♦ *Is there a dollar limit on the amount of computer equipment covered?*
- ♦ *Can I buy additional coverage to protect against accidents and if so how much?*
- ♦ *Is my portable PC covered if something happens to it away from home?*

HAPPY COMPUTING!

Next Month: *U.S. Postal Service Goes Digital. What to look for and how to use in the Home or Office.*

WallyWorld Humor! By Wally C. Maier!

Men think computers should be referred to as FEMALES just like ships because:

- ♦ No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
- ♦ The language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
- ♦ The message "bad command or file name" is about as informative as "If you don't know why I am mad at you, I'm certainly not going to tell you."
- ♦ Your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
- ♦ As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

WOMEN THINK COMPUTERS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AS MALE. HERE IS WHY:

- ♦ They have a lot of data, but they are still clueless.
- ♦ They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half of the time, THEY ARE the problem.
- ♦ As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have obtained a better model.
- ♦ In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
- ♦ A big power surge will knock them out for the rest of the night.

HOW THE WEST WAS WON!

A cowboy walked into a barber shop, sat on the barber's chair and said; "I'll have a shave and a shoe shine." The barber began to lather his face while a woman with the biggest, firmest, most beautiful breasts that he had ever seen knelt down and began to shine his shoes. The cowboy said; "Young lady, you and I should

should go and spend some time in a hotel room." She replied; "I am married and my husband would not like that." The cowboy said; "Tell him you are working overtime and I will pay the difference." She replied; "You tell him He is the one shaving your neck." (Editors opinion HA, HA, HA)

Thanks Wally!

IS LOVE ENOUGH?

BY Your editor, Copied from an album by pop artist George Duke.
⇒ On its own, without adjectives Verbs or words; Is Love Enough? Can it hold you, can it enfold You? Am I strong enough, do I have faith enough? Is Love Enough? Is love stronger than what I see? Or is faith stronger than love could ever be? Are they one and the same, two peas in a pod, or does their kindred spirit strike you as odd? The question is as question does, Ask the question to one who loves, is love enough?

♦ TRENDS.....

Taken from The Rotarian Magazine, August 1998.

And A PC For Every Car.

If Intel Corp. has its way, your car may soon be telling you where to go. The dashboard of Intel's car, which hides an entire personal computer, talks to the driver, providing navigational advice, as well as news headlines, stock quotes, and traffic reports. The "Connected Car PC" also will offer access to e-mail and a voice-activated phone. If you need to find the nearest Chinese take-out restaurant or automated teller machine, this car will tell you how to get there.

"We have PCs in the home and in the office," says Jeff Casazza, an engineer for Intel, the worlds largest computer chip maker. "The only other place we spend a lot of time is in the car. This brings us full circle."

Besides a radio and CD player, the Intel Car has a fully loaded entertainment center more elaborate than the average home's. Back seat passengers can watch videos, play com-

puter games, browse the Internet, and even use a word processor. The first systems should be available in 1999 and come as a dealer option in new cars in the year 2000 or 2001. The car PC will cost about \$1000.00 to \$2,000.00, depending on upgrades.

Although distracted drivers on cell phones have been linked to car accidents, Casazza claims the Intel computer actually will increase safety. No more fumbling for maps or squinting at road signs, he says: instead, drivers simply listen to the computer for directions. We hope it's kinder than most back seat drivers.

of words and thought

"The Best to a persons' character is (1) How He/She treats people who cannot do him/her any good and (2) How He/She Treats people who can not fight back."

Abigail Van Buren 1918 U.S. Columnist

"It is the supreme art of the Teacher to awaken joy in creative expressions and knowledge."

**Albert Einstein (1879-1955)
German-Born U.S. physicist**

"I do not know who my grandfather was, I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be."

**Abraham Lincoln
U.S. President**

"No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent"

**Abraham Lincoln
U.S. President
16 October 1854**

**Peoria Illinois,
Lincoln-Douglas Debates**

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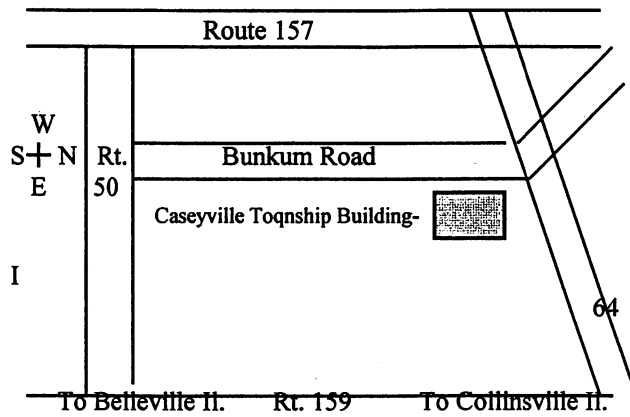
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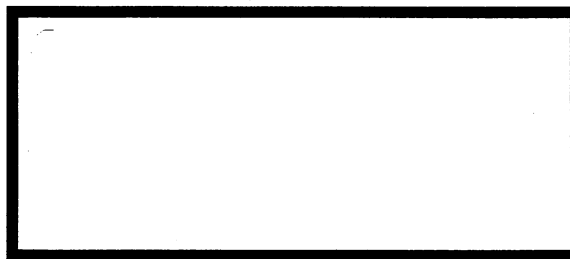
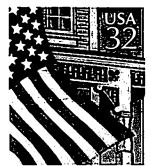
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The Gateway Computer Club

September 1998

President's Page

By Mike Taphorn
Hello from the Pres...

Sept. Free Stuff Info:

We will have our great supply of give away items ready for the next meeting. I have a new surge suppressor and some other great prizes that I am sure everyone will enjoy. I would like to THANK Marty and everyone else who has contributed to the club's prizes. I am not going to try to name everyone, so please read the next line and insert your name if you have donated a prize lately.

THANKS _____!!!

Our 15th Anniversary

B>B>Q>

Well, by the time you get this newsletter, the BAR-B-QUE will have come and gone. I hope everyone remembered...I am sure we all had fun and everyone ate to many goodies..
HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY EVERYBODY!!!

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Our board members and I discussed possible recipients for the Bob Suarez Memorial Membership-Of-The-Year Awards ceremonies in November. I think we need three new inductees and I know that I am

not allowed to talk about the people who are on the short list. If you want to nominate someone, let one of the board members know or send me an e-mail and let mne know directly. We have a lot of great members and the selection process is going to try to reward three of the outstanding members for their help in the past and the present. Are you the next winner? Find out in November....

August DEMO=Continued

Our August demonstration went well and we have had several request for more WINDOWS 95 hints and tips. We will continue our tour of the control panel and I will try to dig up more hints and tips out of the magazines I think everyone can learn something. I know I learned a few new tricks as I was explaining things at the August demo. Do not miss the next installment of the WINDOWS 95 CONTROL PANEL DEMO...

Articles Adds Members

I talked a little about the article in the New Democrat that was going to press last month. A friend of mine interviewed me and she did a great job writing about our club. The article generated a lot of phone calls and E-Mails. I think we added at least two or three new members as a direct result of the article. I think the more publicity we get, the faster we grow. Tell everyone you know that we are here and our ranks will continue to swell.

GCC CD-ROM BURNER???

I was told by a member that we should purchase a CD-ROM burner for the club to make life easier for our Vice President (President of Vice). While I generally try to make life as difficult as possible for

Jim, I do think that having a CD_ROM burner would be an asset for our club. AS everyone knows, the club is moving all the ZIP disks to CD'S. If anyone knows where we can get an inexpensive CD-ROM burner, please let myself or one of the board members know as soon as possible. Thanks for your help....

Wanted: Used Computers

I have had several requests for used computers in the last month and I thought that maybe someone in the club has an older machine that you no longer need, please let me know and I will try to find a good home for them....

JOKE OF THE MONTH!

What is the difference between your first honeymoon and your second honeymoon?

The First = Niagara

The second = Viagra

See you at the Meeting,

Mike

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Happy Birthday To

Dean Roberson; Sept. 27

James Tomlinson; Sept 17

Happy Birthday !

Membership Report

A big Thanks to all Members of the Gateway Computer Club !



Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen

BALANCE August 1, 1998
\$622.46

D.O.M. ZIP Disks	\$40.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$45.00
E 50/50.....	\$20.00

AUG. INCOME.....\$105.00

◆ Expenses

PREMIUMS FOR MEETING	
DRAWING.....	\$11.00
NEWSLETTER.....	\$47.75
ZIP DISKS.....	\$0.00
CD CASES.....	\$0.00
SERVICE CHARGE	\$0.00

AUGUST EXPENSES.....\$59.29

CURRENT BALANCE....\$668.17
AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1998

NOTE

Some income & expense items rated "0" the editor did not include in this printout. If there are any questions, please contact Pat.

Wally's Tip

And now for Today's tip...

SENSE & NONSENSE:

- ◇ Make something idiot proof; and the world will produce A Better ID-IOT. Nothing is fool proof, to a sufficiently talented fool.
- ◆ What do Bill Gates and Bill Clinton have in common? They both wear pants, but Bill Gates has a bulge in his pocket, and Bill Clinton ()? Has a fast zipper!

Wally's Diary

Open notepad: Type, [.log] without the brackets. Then go to file; and save as. (whatever name you want) The next time you bring it up it will come up with the time and date on the first line. Type in your note or message and save it. And the next time you access it it will come up with the time and date.

Make a shortcut from Notepad to Desktop. Then click notepad icon and click on properties. Click on the short cut tab. Put cursor on shortcut, click once and select any key you wasn't such as (N). Now whatever program you might have up, if you want to make a note just hold down [ctrl] [alt] and [?], ? Being what key you selected. This will bring up note pad, click on open and select your file so you can make notes, and save it

REMEMBER THIS IS YOURS/OUR CLUB. WE TRY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND HAVE DEMOS TO BE INFORMATIVE TO ALL. WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS UNLESS YOU TELL US THRU YOUR PERSONAL INPUT. WHAT YOU WANT/NEED TO KNOW OR WHAT YOU WANT / NEED TO SEE, WE WILL TRY !

GCC Directory

Next Meeting

September 16, 1998 7:00pm

Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:

October 7, 1998 6:00 pm
at the Ryans Steak House
O'Fallon Illinois.

Next Copy Session:

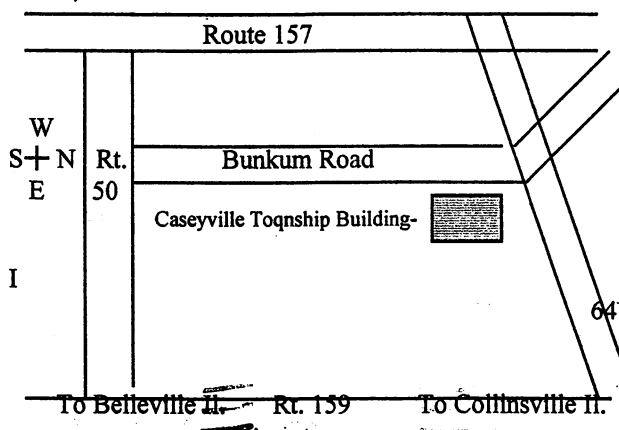
At all regular meetings

Visitor's Always Welcome At Meetings

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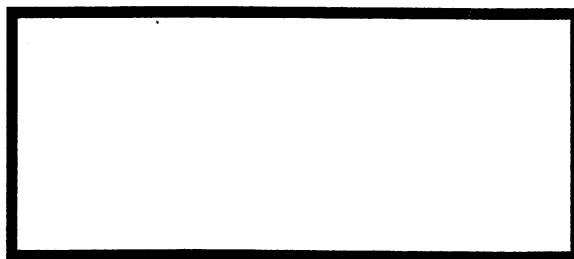
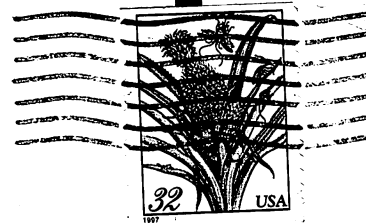
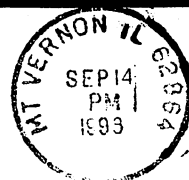
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The Gateway Computer Club

October 1998

President's Page

By Mike Taphorn
Hello from the Pres...

Oct. Free stuff Info

I made the rounds at OFFICE-MAX again and we'll have a great supply of give away items at the next meeting. Check out their advertisements. They are full rebate items and the ads are good until then end of October. If you go to get some of the stuff, be sure to pick up some blank CD-R's because they'll be good for a discount on your next GCC-ROM purchase....Details are in the next section.

NEW CD-ROM PRICES

At the last meeting and board meeting, there was some confusion over the pricing of the latest GCC CD-ROM. The CD includes everything that was included on the first six GCC ZIP disk that sold for \$15.00 each at previous meetings. The board members and I decided that in order to avoid confusion over pricing, the NEW CD-ROM'S should cost \$15.00 each. I think it is a great deal considering the fact that the ZIP disk that are on the CD would cost \$90.00 if purchased individually.

We also wanted to find a way to motivate the members to help us get blank CD-R's, that members will receive a \$5.00 discount on the GCC CD-ROM. So.... Everyone go to their local Office-

Max or other stores and get the CD-R's that have full rebates and you'll get \$5.00 off the new CD-ROM...

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

I have not heard any responses to last month's request for outstanding members. Let us know who you think is an outstanding at the next meeting and they may get their name on the Plaque. We'll get the award out at the meeting and let everyone know who has already won in the past.

OCTOBER DEMO

This month we'll finish up the WINDOWS 95 demonstration and Pat Whalen will give a demonstration of Microsoft Word. Pat is currently taking a class in MS Word and he should have a lot of good info to share with the club. I'd like to thank Pat for volunteering to help out with the demo's. **THANKS PAT!**

LIBRARIAN WANTED (PART-TIME)

We looked over the current Board Member list at the last Board meeting and we decided that we would like to have a Librarian to help out at the meetings. I think we have some good ideas for keeping track of the CD-ROM's using 3"X5" cards and we'd like to have someone help us get it started and make sure our ideas will work....Throw your hat in the ring at the November nominations.

THANKS FOR THE JOKES!

I asked everyone to send me jokes for the newsletter, and I've been getting some pretty good ones lately. If you hear any good ones, type them in and send them to me....I have a good start, but a few more would really help...

JOKE OF THE MONTH!

Two married buddies are out one night when one turns to the other and says, "I do not know what to do. Whenever I go home after I have been out late, I turn the headlights off before I get to the driveway, I shut the engine off and coast into the house, I sneak up the stairs, I get undressed in the bathroom, I ease into bed and my wife STILL wakes up and yells at me for staying out late!" His buddy looks at him and says, "Well, you are obviously taking the wrong approach. I screech into the driveway, slam the door, storm up the steps, throw my shoes into the closet, jump into bed, rub my hands on my wife's rear-end and say, "How about a little?" and she pretends she's asleep!"

I would like to urge all members of our club, to further extend your commitment to your community by going to the polls Tuesday November 3rd and voting for whom you want to represent you in Springfield Illinois and Washington D>C. It does not matter whether you vote Democrat or Republican. It does matter that you cast your vote! Also you perhaps should take a neighbor(s) to the polls to vote. Your VOTE DOES makes a difference!

See You at the meeting.

Mike

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Jim's Views

GAMES:

ATTILA:

Attila v3.0 for windows

(RISK Clone) Hardware required: Pentium PC. Software required: Win95. For two, three or four players – the computer too can control up to four players. Features: configuration menu, three levels, WORLD or EUROPE scenario, file manager, high score, save and game recording features, options airboprne assaults and blitzkrieg, editor for creating the start situation manually.

AXIA: Welcome to the demo version of AXIA! In this high-speed actions spacee shoot-em-up, you're Max Dellamorte, a bounty hunter, passing through the Auburn Planetary System. The local government has been losing trading convoys passing through the asteriod belt to upgrade your arnament as you collect bounties on each enemy ship (as well as as asteriods) you destroy. Every five waves you automatically return to The Auburn weapons shop where you can buy your upgrades.

SCREEN SAVERS:

LateShow: The late Show with David Letterman comes alive on your desktop.
LeeLoo: Anyone who has seen The Fifth Element with Bruce Willis will remember the subject of this theme.
LightSpeed: LIGHT SPEED is a starfield screen saver that generates interactive real-time starfield effects. It includes several different starfield types and modes. With the interactive mode, you can fly it yourself and explore the dozens of real-time controls which produce spectacular effects and breathtaking displays. Take your desktop to infinity and beyond.

TOOLS:

AmigoPro – -Amigo is an easy to use Free Form Information Manager, or personal Note manager. Within Amigo information is stored as a Note. A note is any piece of information valuable to the user. It may be as simple as a word, or many pages of information.

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By Pat Whalen

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MEMBERSHIP.....	\$45.00
E 50/50.....	17.00

Sept. INCOME..... \$62.00

◆ Expenses

PREMIUMS FOR MEETING	
DRAWING.....	\$7.50
NEWSLETTTER.....	\$37.20
ZIP DISKS.....	\$0.00
CD CASES.....	\$0.00
SERVICE CHARGE	\$0.00

September EXPENSES.....\$44.70

CURRENT BALANCE....\$685.47
AS OF October 1, 1998

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Happy Birthday To

Wally C. Maier: October 19

Happy Birthday !

Jim's Views Conti:**Caller ID:**

PC Caller ID 32 provides pop up window displaying caller ID information when call is received. Will page a pager with caller's number. (Special suffix will let you know the page came from your PC) Sounds "warning" alarm when an 'unavailable' caller rings. Logs calls to file when you choose. Automatically hangs up on 'unavailable' calls so you do not have to. Stores up to 100 calls. Stays out of way in system tray until call is received.

DIRECTX6 – The latest version of the software interface

General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

By Wally, Secretary

There will be a new price for the second CD that will be coming out soon. It will rental cost at \$15.00. It will be all new. There is a special at Office Max on 3 packs of CD's with a rebate. Bring the CD's to the club and get \$5.00 off on the price of the club CD.

DEMO

The demo will continue on Windows 95. Then we will start on MS word. Pat Whalen will be hosting the MS Word in detail next Month. Remember this is your club. What do you want to see? Feel free to email any ideas to our President or me

Please come to our meeting October 21st and BE THERE!

WALLY'S DIARY OF HUMOR

A Police officer, though scheduled for all-night duty at the station, was relieved of duty early and arrived home four hours ahead of schedule, at 2 AM. Not wanting to wake his wife, he undressed in the dark, crept onto the bedroom and started to climb into bed. Just then, his wife sleepily sat up and

said, "Mike dearest, would you go down to the all night store around the block and get me some aspirin?" I have a splitting headache. "Certainly Honey," he replied. Feeling his way across the dark bedroom he got dressed and walked to the store. He arrived and the pharmacist looked at him in surprise and said, "Are you not a Policeman?" "Yes I am" he replied. The pharmacist then replied "Well what the heck are you doing all dressed up like the fire chief?"

GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB ELECTION OF OFFICERS 1998-1999

For President:
Micheal Taphorn;

For Vice President:
James Tomlinson;

For Secretary:
Wallace C. Maier;

For Treasurer:
Open Position

For Membership Chairman:
Dave Epps

For Editor Of Newsletter:
Odie Farris, III

Food/Demo Coordinator:
This Position is Open

Librarian:
This Position Is Open

Librarian Assistant:
Position Open

Editor's View

By Odie Farris, III

ARE YOU LISTENING? **FROM ROTARY MAGAZINE** **SEPTEMBER 1998**

How can managers exercise their listening "muscles" to become more capable business leaders or community leaders? The first step is to recognize and accept the value of active listening. U.S. News broadcaster Diane Sawyer once said, "The one lesson I have learned is that there is no substitute for paying attention." Instead, we give the speaker some fleeting notice, while silently forming our own comments and rebuttals. We fidget impatiently until the speaker pauses for a breath and then chime in with our opinions. We concentrate on the speaker's delivery, mannerisms, or appearance, rather than on the message. Active listening, also known as evaluative listening, requires setting aside—at least for the moment,—your own opinions and concentrating on the speaker.

MAKE TIME TO LISTEN:

Becoming an effective listener does not mean you must passively sit by, while your co-worker prattles on about the weekend or inane complaints. Be selective about who you listen to, and set aside a block of time, free of distractions, to truly listen. As Oliver Wendell Holmes said "It is the province of knowledge to speak. And it is the privilege of wisdom to listen."

Things To Think About

- ♦ Of course there is a thing as luck. How else could you explain your enemies successes?
- ♦ A minor operation is one performed on someone else.
- ♦ Mealtime is when the kids sit down to continue eating.
- ♦ Childhood is that wonderful time of your life when all you have to do to lose weight is to take a bath.

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Next Meeting

October 21, 1998 7:00pm

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November 4, 1998 6:00 pm

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Next Copy Session:

At all regular meetings

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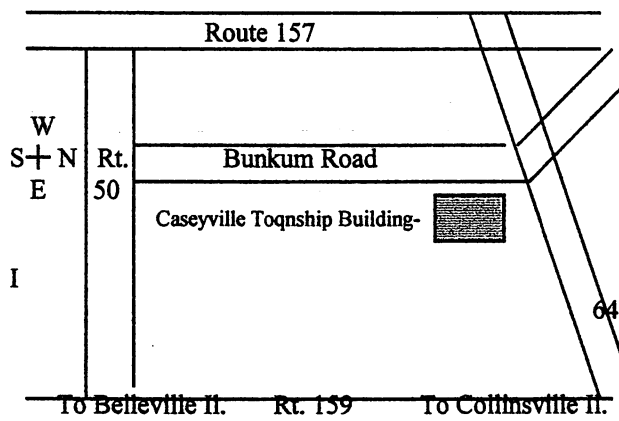
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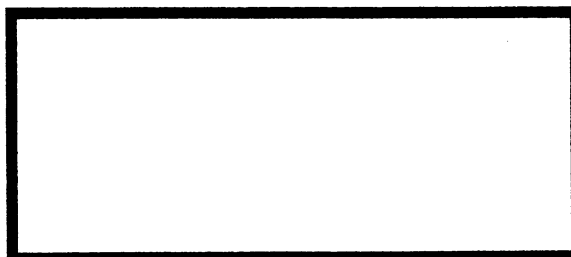
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December 1998

President's Page †

Hello from the Pres....

YOU DIDN'T MISS AN ISSUE

I think everyone has gotten the news, but in case you missed the last meeting, we did not mail out a newsletter last month. Our new Editor Odie was having a lot of trouble with his machine and then he thought he had it fixed, and then more trouble ensued. Anyway, we couldn't get a newsletter put together last month, so don't feel bad thinking that we forgot to send you your copy. We will have a guest Editor for the December edition of the newsletter. Pat Whalen has offered to do the December Newsletter to give Odie time to fix his machine and because Pat has a Microsoft Word class that requires him to create a newsletter. So if you're reading this thinking "This is not my normal newsletter!", everything will be back to normal next month. I hope Pat's teacher doesn't grade him on my grammar...

ELECTION RESULTS

I WON HA HA HA HA (Insane Laughter) I'm going to rule the world....HA HA HA HA
Actually, I am really proud to remain as President of our ever-growing club. I think I've broken every one of Robert's Rules of Order and you just keep re-electing me. Maybe I need a scandal or something to get me out of office.
I would like to thank everyone who ran for the other offices. We filled every vacancy... Thanks!
Look for the official results in Wally's report.

Maybe we should look into term limits and campaign finance reform sometime this year.

NEW CD-ROM'S ARE A HIT

A lot of members are helping the club and themselves by bringing in blank CD-R's for the club's GCC CD's. If you bring in a three pack of blanks, you get a discount on a GCC CD purchase. We sold out of CD's at the last meeting, so if you didn't get yours, come to the Christmas party and we'll have more ready for the holidays. For those of you with ZIP drives, the next ZIP disk is full and it has the latest ZIP drive drivers. It also has a lot of great stuff that Jim Tomlinson grabbed from the Web and stuck on the ZIP Disk.

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

The board members and I picked the outstanding members and the plaques will be ready for the Christmas Party. We'll award the plaques to the outstanding members for 1996, 1997 & 1998. Be at the party to get your plaques. If you don't get a plaque this year, get involved and make a difference and maybe next year you'll get what's coming to you. I meant that in a nice way...

LAST MONTH'S DEMO

Pat Whalen gave a demonstration of Microsoft WORD. Pat is currently taking a class and he took time to put together a great demonstration. If his teacher is reading this in his newsletter project, he deserves an 'A'. Pat showed everyone that you can teach an old dog new tricks. THANKS FOR DOING THE DEMO PAT!

KEEP THE JOKES COMING

I've gotten some really good and some really tasteless jokes via e-mail since I asked the members to send me some jokes. Keep them coming; I need a good laugh after putting in too many hours on the jobsites...

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Did you hear about the dyslexic Satanist?

He sold his soul to Santa...

See you at the party,
Mike

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Secretary's Report

Minutes--General Meeting of the
GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

November 18, 1998 *W.C.Maier*

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

OFFICERS roll call:

[x] President: Mike Taphorn

[x] Vice President: Jim Tomlinson

[x] Secretary: Wallace Maier

[x] Treasurer: Joseph (Pat) Whalen

[] Membership: _____

[] Librarian: _____

[] EDITOR: Odie Farris

25 members attended the meeting.

ELECTIONS

PRESIDENT Mike Taphorn reelected

V/P Jim Tomlinson reelected

SECRETARY Wally Maier reelected

TREASURER Donald Wold

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN Pat and Wally?

EDITOR Odie Farris reelected

LIBRARIAN Bill Derossett

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS—VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED:

1. SOMEONE TO HELP WITH LISTS
FOR FOOD/DEMOS/ETC.
2. ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

DRAWING RESULTS

50 / 50	Betty Feigenbutz
Mouse	Jackie Sweet
Game pad	Bill Derossett
Joystick	Jim Tomlinson
Speakers	LESTER Germann
Power strip	Charles Garner
Remote control	Paul Walsh
Box of disks	Charles Garner
Zip cases	Gene Brandt
Zip tower	Farris Jackson

[NEW BUSINESS]

CHRISTMAS PARTY coming up DECEMBER
16, 1998

FOOD LIST FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

MIKE TAPHORN DESSERT

LESTER GERMANN CHERRY CAKE

EARL SALMONS COOKIES

MARTY BERTULIS BAKED BEANS

JOANNE MADELINE DESSERT

FARRIS JACKSON DESSERT

JIM TOMLINSON EGG ROLLS

BILL BROWDER VEGETABLES

BILL DEROSSETT PIE

CLUB MEAT TRAY, VEGGIE TRAY

YOU? ANYTHING TO SHARE.

optimize your hard drive, eliminate conflicts, repair damage, secure files, shred sensitive stuff, alert you to problems, rescue lost files, diagnose your system, increase speed, fix glitches and check program compatibility.

NeatPad - Neat and very powerful notepad replacement with lots of unique features unlimited text file size, fast, very flexible, good-looking, easy-to-use, HTML-highlight, build-in notebook, user-defined clips, HTML-support.

PERF23 - This software is designed to be used in conjunction with an uninstalling program that was use to track the installation of new software. It will not remove registry entries that are made by software. It is designed to remove invalid Class, Interface, and other installed files keys. This software will remove any entry that is not valid. If the entry in the registry contains an incorrect path, or and invalid quotation mark, comma, period, backslash, or another character that is not valid the key will be removed. An undo file will be created each time the program is run. Then Undo file should contain a double backslash for a file path. The previous file will be over written.

Post-It - Welcome to Post-it(r) Software Notes Version 1.5! This 30-day sample will give you a taste of how easy it is to get organized with Post-it(r) Software Notes - - the electronic version of your favorite notes. This software is so fun to use that you'll probably find yourself hooked after 30 days. When that happens, you can fully activate the program by calling the number provided after the sample software is installed.

Qlabel1.9 - Quick Label v 1.9 is a versatile utility that allows users to automatically create and print various disk labels with ease and minimal fuss. The user can select the disk drive and / or directory then Quick Label will print the contents of the directory onto an attractive disk sleeve or label. All lines of text that are created can be edited in many ways including font, size, underline, italics, background color and bold effects. Also included is the ability to

insert images into your disk labels, when inserted, any text under the image will be moved out of the way so that your pictures will not cover up your disk information.

Qfolder95 - Q Folder 95 makes accessing your files or programs even faster. It installs itself every time you start Windows, and is easily accessible from the Taskbar. To customize your environment, drag and drop from the desktop and from Windows Explorer, or drag and drop from within Q Folder 95 for even more flexibility. A customizable window offers quick access to files and folders. Make your own virtual folders, and access an unlimited number of items, folders, and subfolders.

RegMedic - System utility for repairing Registry Errors. This utility can rebuilt any registry, repairing, removing invalid or replacing missing information that Windows needs to Bootup with. Works on all versions of Windows 95 and 98.

Test2000 - Test2000.Exe is a free, simple and complete PC hardware year 2000 date compliance diagnostic.

V98i401 - McAfee VirusScan for Windows 98 by Network Associates, Inc. Scans and cleans PC's/LAN's for known and unknown viruses. Requires Windows 9x. Version 4.0.1 (4001) 11-12-98

WinTune - WinTune 97, the WINDOWS Magazine Test and Tune-Up Kit for Windows 95.

WinZip7.0 - Have you ever used the Internet, AOL, or CompuServe? If so, you've probably encountered ZIP files. Are you a Windows user? If so, WinZip is THE way to handle these archived files. WinZip brings the convenience of Windows to the use of Zip files and other compression formats.

[DEMO]

Pat Whalen Demonstrated MICROSOFT WORD.
And as his class project at BAC will do the
December newsletter for the club.

Remember, When shopping and you see those two
for one and 100% rebates
get them for the 50-50 drawing; This helps generate
funds for the club.

I heard that OFFICE MAX still has those 3 pack
CD's with rebate. Bring in the 3pack and receive
\$5.00 credit towards the Club CD.

W. C. Maier

GGC Zip Disk 7

GAMES

95mjong5 - Moraff's Morejongg is by far the finest
implementation of the ancient Chinese tile game!

ACBreakOut- An instant classic for the holiday
season! Christmas Breakout is similar to the classic
BREAKOUT arcade game except this time you
control Santa as he tries to score points by colliding
with Christmas graphics. Your kids (and adults
too!) will LOVE playing with the Christmas
Breakout Screen Saver over and over!

ADGDemoFull - The After Dark Games Demo
includes 5 free rounds of RoofRats, Mowin'
Maniac, and Bad Dog 911. These three games
represent a good cross section of the types of games
in the full product. RoofRats is a puzzle game. The
demo provides only a limited number of layouts. In
the full product, the layouts are changed with each
new game. Mowin' Maniacs a hysterical arcade
game. The demo shows only two of the landscapes,
the Park and the Backyard. The full product also
includes a Graveyard, a Flower Garden and a Golf

Course layout. Bad Dog 911 is a word game. The
demo is limited to only 5 root words. The full
product has an extensive dictionary of over 150,000
words.

BlastZorakPC - BlastZorakPC is your chance as
Space Ghost to finally blast Zorak the evil insect
creature.

ChaseAce - The game play of Chase Ace is simple
but proven entertaining- shoot your friend before he
shoots you! This original game play takes place on
arena where each player controls a small spaceship.
When you get shot, you loose some shield and when
you shoot, you loose ammo. Go to the refueling
zones placed on each level, to refill! Lots of
customizable features AND a level editor.

KcrossWord - A very easy to use windows based
crossword program.

KRVK30 - Keno Reeves is a Keno game that plays
just like the Keno machines in the big gambling
houses in Lost Wages (I mean Las Vegas).

TOOLS

DX6Eng - Version 6 of the standardized video and
sound interface produced by Microsoft. Most of the
latest games being produced for Windows 95/98
now require this extension.

IOMegaWare - IOMEGAWare9X is the latest
release to the comprehensive toolkit for your
IOMEGA Zip drive. New updates to the driver

Nuts&Bolts - Nuts & Bolts is a package of brilliant,
virtually automatic utilities that prevent crashes,

Treasurer Report

Since there was no newsletter last month you get two treasurer reports this month This will also be my last be handing over account next shortly will be UP of where they winter. I will and send the address. Maybe club picnic can on sunny We've got a on the lake with house on the

report. I will the checking month and heading for the Michigan, have a *REAL* keep in touch club my next year's be in my yard Sawyer Lake. two acre yard a cute little log lake.

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Copernic98 - Copernic 98 is an intelligent agent that carries out your net-searches by simultaneously consulting the most important search engines of the Internet which are grouped under channel sets such as The Web, Newsgroups and E-mails. It features a history of your searches, making sure that the precious information found on the Internet is always organized and handy. Copernic 98 is FREE and offers only three channel sets. Copernic 98plus, on the other hand, includes about 20 channel sets, giving you access to more than 130 search engines and specific directories. Additional channel sets in Copernic 98plus are: Books, Business, Finance, Games, Jobs, Kids, Learning, Life, Movies, Music, News, News Archives, Software, Sports, Technology and Travel.

CP32e45 - The latest release of the world's most popular browser suite is now available FREE from Netscape Netcenter. This version of Netscape Communicator features Smart Browsing, high-performance Internet email, multimedia integration, and much more. Communicator 4.5 is the first major release that works seamlessly with all Netcenter services, delivering today's best web experience.

NetAccelerator - The concept behind NetAccelerator is very simple. NetAccelerator uses the seconds or minutes that you spend reading a retrieved page to begin downloading, or caching linked pages in the background. In other words, NetAccelerator makes use of this otherwise idle time.

PointCast26 - The PointCast? Network is a free Internet news service that delivers up-to-the-minute information to your computer 24 hours a day--including national and international stories, stock quotes and industry updates, current sports scores, and weather from around the globe.

Tardis95 - Tardis is a Windows 95 program that corrects your PC's clock. It is used where your PC is connected to a remote machine by TCP/IP, SLIP, or PPP. A typical use would be to synchronise the clock on starting a SLIP/PPP connection to an Internet provider. Another would be to have it running all the time in a LAN environment correcting the clock once an hour.

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